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THE ELEVENTH EDITION of

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On the NATURE and CURE

OF

SCROPHULOUS DISORDERS,

Commonly called the

KING's EVIL;

DEDUCED FROM LONG

OBSERVATION and PRACTICE.

With ADDITIONS.

AND ABOVE

SIXTY CASES;

(Many never before publish'd)

THE REMEDIES IN THEM USED,

AND

OCCASIONAL REMARKS.

To which is prefixed

A COLOURED PLATE of the HERB VERVAIN, and its ROOT.

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Facts are stubborn Things.

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PREFACE.

A Method of treating ſcrophulous Diſorders, or the King's Evil, having been found by me greatly ſucceſsful, I reſolve to continue to publiſh this new Edition of many Caſes I have had under my Care.

I do it to the End that Sufferers, ſo long as God may grant me Life and Health, may know to whom to apply for Relief, gratis; or, from the Caſes I publiſh, gather how to cure themſelves and Families; eſpecially the Poor: Thereby ſteering clear of the many never-failing Medicines, ſo pompouſly ſet forth in Advertiſements.

Thoſe Practitioners in Medicine and Surgery, who have Canodur enough to own their Skill has been often baffled in ſcrophulous Caſes, may attend to the Succeſs my Methods have been bleſſed with: Thoſe, who are ſo very learned and ſelf ſufficient as to think they know every thing, may, if they pleaſe, laugh at me.

What I offer to the Public is the Reſult, not only of much Reading, but what is more eſſential, of many Years Practice on ſeveral thouſand ſubjects. Some quite cured; many greatly relieved; Limbs con-

demned to Amputation preſerved; many turned out of Hoſpitals, as Incurables, cured; as well as others given over by very eminent Phyſicians and Surgeons.

I ſhall uſe the plaineſt Expreſſions poſſible, and point out the moſt ſimple and cheapeſt Remedies poor Perſons may procure. I neither mind, or ſhall attend to, Criticiſms. I ſhall be contented, if by my Deſcription of the King's Evil or ſcrophulous Caſes, where there is no Complication of other Diſorders, any one may know them. I have found many very much diſlike being told their Caſe was the King's Evil, or ſcrophulous. Indeed they often are humoured by many of the Medical Faculty in this Diſpoſition, calling it only ſcorbutic. This I never do; but tenderly give my Sentiments without Reſerve; and always conceal Names, if required.

All I have related is ſtrict Truth: Nor can it be ſuppoſed, as I take no Money for my Advice, that I wiſh to impoſe on any One. Moreover, for a Confirmation of what I aſſert, I have mentioned moſt of the Perſons Names, who may be applied to.

To conclude; I would adviſe every One not to be diſheartened at the Simplicity of the Proceſs, or the Slowneſs of the Cure; or mix any other Medicines or Preſcriptions with mine: For they may defeat the Methods I have laid down, and which have had the Succeſs I ſhall circumſtantially relate.

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AN ESSAY

On the NATURE and CURE OF SCROPHULOUS DISORDERS, OR THE KING's EVIL.

THE King's Evil is a name given to a very grevious and obſtinate Diſeaſe, ever ſince *Edward* the Confeſſor's Time; becauſe ſaid to be cured by him and other ſucceeding Kings, both of *England* and *France*. Above ninety-two thouſand Perſons are recorded to have been touched for it by King *Charles* the Second only: With what Succeſs is variouſly related, diſputed, and believed. Thoſe who have Time, may read Mr. *John Brown*, Surgeon to King *Charles* the Second, his Account of the King's Evil, and other Writers who treat of that Subject. This Diſeaſe is either hereditary or accidental. I have found, on a cloſe Examination of Perſons applying to me, not one in twenty without ſome Family Taint of it. The loweſt

Degree of this Diſorder ſeems to be the Swelling of the upper Lip, without any apparent Cauſe; which I look upon as an infallible Sign of the Evil in the Habit of Body, though no other Appearances. Sometimes both Lips, the Noſe, and Cheeks inflame and ſwell; the lower Jaw-bones are often troubled with ſwellings on, and about them, and cauſe bad and rotten Teeth. Frequent Ulcers on the Gums; and many Swellings under the Ears, Jaws, and Chin, and many Parts of the Neck and Shoulders; ſometimes ſmooth, moveable, and not diſcoloured, or painful; at other Times come to Sores, break, and run much for a length of Time, are healed with great Difficulty, and often break out again, if the Habit of Body be not altered. The Eyes are very frequently ſcrophulous, looking inflamed, and of a dead, reddiſh, or leaden Colour: and ſometimes white Specks on or near the Pupil, or Sight, which generally diſcharge great Quantities of clear, ſaltiſh Water, of ſo corroſive a Nature, that it takes the Skin off the Cheeks. Often ſmall running Ulcers at the inner Corners of the Eye, which diſcharge a whitiſh thick Matter, which glues up the Eye-lids in a Morning, ſo that they are opened with difficulty. When theſe Complaints withſtand the uſual Methods of bleeding, bliſtering behind the Ears, cupping, Setons, and almoſt numberleſs Etceteras for Months together, we may venture to pronounce them

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ſcrophulous. What ſome People fancy to be the St. Anthony's Fire, is often a Species of this Diſorder. Swelling on the Knees and Elbows, without Redneſs or Inflamation, vulgarly called White Swellings, ſo that the Bones themſelves ſeem enlarged near the Joints, are to be accounted ſcrophulous. When Sores or Ulcers have been long near the Joints or Bones, and will not heal with common Applications, it is a ſhrewd Sign the Bones are foul and carious: In that Caſe Pieces of Bone, ſharp, ragged, and ſeemingly Worm-eaten, and little Pieces like coarſe Sand are ſeen on the Plaiſters among the Pus or Matter when taken off. When the Griſtles or Cartilages on the Head of the Bones are conſumed, then follows a ſtiff Joint, by the Bones growing together. The Muſcles under the Hams, and the Inſide of the Elbows, I have often found to have been divided by the Knife, by unſkilful Hands, ſo that the Joint has been rendered uſeleſs. I have met with Swellings within the Throat, the Tonſils greatly tumefied and inflamed, threatening a Suffocation, nothing appeared outwardly. This Diſtemper may ſhew itſelf like a Leproſy, with a very thick white Scurf on the Head and elſewhere. When the Diſorder falls on the Lungs, beware of a galloping Conſumption, as it is frequently called, and is too often fatal to young People, by not attending ſcrupuouſly to this Diſorder. After the Meaſles and Small-pox, weak Eyes

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and running Sores are not unuſual, which People ſeldom think proceed from the Evil; though it is too often the Caſe. A very dry thick cruſty Scab near the Elbows, and Joints, is ſometimes ſeen; which, when removed is ſoon ſucceeded by others of the ſame Nature, which are difficult to cure, except the Conſtitution be mended. The Glands under Womens Armpits frequently ſwell or tumefy: and their Breaſts troubled with hard, uneqnal, painful Tumours or Swellings, which have been too often taken for Cancers, and the Knife ignorantly uſed, to the irreparable Damage of the poor Sufferer. Such Breaſts neglected, or wrongly treated, often degenerate into real Cancers, when every one knows the Caſe is deplorable. Should the Bones be foul the Caſe is bad, though not always to be deſpaired of: Sometimes the Marrow of the Bone is touched, or the Diſeaſe begins in the Bone itſelf; which may be obſerved when the Bones themſelves ſeem ſwelled about the Heads, and afterwards Sores break out and diſcharge a thin oily Matter, then is it truly a deplorable Caſe. How often is the Diſeaſe conveyed to tender Infants, by ſcrophulated Nurſes, who, till their hidden Infirmities are diſcovered, ſhall look like the Picture of Health? When Perſons in good Health, free from exceſs of Humours, and who on looking back find their Parents have been ſound,

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ſhall nevertheleſs find Indications of the Evil in their Children, let them not be aſtoniſhed; for it is too common. If, upon a curious Enquiry amongſt the Relations of a Family, any of the aforeſaid Symptoms have been remembered, though a Generation or two diſtant, the Complaint may be ſuſpected to be the Evil. It will lie dormant many Years; appearing and diſappearing in ſome Families for many Generations, and ſhew itſelf in various Forms, in all Ages, Sexes, and Conditions, from the Birth to the Age of 85, as I have experienced. It ſhall happen that one amongſt numerous Relations, or many Children of the ſame Parents, ſhall only ſhew it in one Inſtance, and all the reſt be free and clear. In ſhort, this Diſeaſe appears in ſo many Forms, that it would be almoſt endleſs to attempt an entire Deſcription. I think what has been ſaid ſufficient to inform Mankind what in ordinary Caſes is the ſimple King's Evil not complicated. All theſe, and ſuch like Complaints, are removed by much Time, Patience, and a ſteady Adherence to my Directions; even for Years in ſome Subjects. One conſtant Method I uſe to every Patient, without Diſtinction, let their Complaints be what they will. If, upon Examination, I have Reaſon to ſuſpect them to be ſcrophulous, is to give them a Piece of freſh common purple Vervain Root, about three or four Inches long, and about the Size of the Patient's little

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Finger, if Men or Women, to young Children and Infants as large as their Thumb, and ſo in Proportion, but not leſs; becauſe it ſhrinks much, and contains but little Virtue. Many Patients have been groſly impoſed on, by the Venders of theſe Roots, who quote my Name to deceive the ignorant Buyer, and I muſt repeat it, that if a Vervain Root is not that Bigneſs I recommend, People are greatly deceived, and have little or no Benefit at all from it. Let the Buyer take Heed. All the Fibres are to be cut off ſmooth, and as little of the Rind as poſſible, to be worn always at the Pit of the Stomach, tied with a Yard of white Sattin Ribband, half an Inch wide, round the Neck of Men and Woman of an ordinary Stature: If taller an Ell will be wanting; and Children in Proportion. To the better Sort of Females, I propoſe the Ribband to be faſtened through an Eyelet-hole or Loop in the Boſom of the Shift, and ſo worn, which will be no Eye-ſore. A Quarter of a Yard of Ribband will be enough; but no other coloured Ribband is proper: becauſe the Dye in ſome Colours may be prejudicial. The Root muſt never be wetted, not when freſh gathered, but wiped clean with a dry Cloth. It muſt not be ſown up, or covered with any thing, but always worn naked at the Pit of the Stomach. If after wearing, the Ends of the Fibres ſtick out and hurts or pricks the Stomach, they muſt be

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cut off with a ſharp Knife, as at firſt. I always cut a little Notch round the upper End of the Root, and tie the Ribband with a double faſt Knot, leſt it ſlip out and be loſt. When it has been worn a few days, it will ſhrink, by the Heat of the Stomach; then the Ribband muſt be tied faſter. A Buckle or Button on the Boſom of a Man's Shirt, will be convenient, to keep the Root next the Skin, as well in Bed as up. Obſerve the Root be not decayed or rotten, but freſh and green when applied; and it is neceſſary to have a freſh one every Spring and Fall. When I put this Root about the Patient's Neck, I am not aſhamed to ſay, "Pray God give his 'Bleſſing to theſe my endeavours, *" or ſome ſuch ſhort Ejaculation; not by Way of Charm, or ſuch like Nonſenſe, but to remind the Patient of our Dependance on the Divine Help, co-operating with the natural Means he has provided for our Comfort and Relief: and ſurely there is as good Reaſon to beg his Bleſſing on this, as on our daily Food. Here in ſome of my former Editions I was at ſome Pains in noticing how this Ceremony, if ſo it might be called, had and might cauſe Laughter. I will now only ſay that the joyful Teſtimony of the Cured through my Means, is a much greater Heart-felt Satisfaction to me than the Deriſion of all others will ever give me Uneaſineſs. The Experience I have had of the good Effects

* See Eccleſ. Chap. xxxviii, Verſe 14.

Effects of the Vervain-Root is enough for me; nevertheleſs, I will juſt mention that the great *Boyle* in his Eſſays has treated of the ſtrange Subtility of Effluvia; how ſpecific Medicines are reconcileable to the Corpuſcular Philoſophy, and how advantageous ſimple Medicines are.

This Root being of ſuch general Uſe in all Stages of the Evil, it will be proper to give a plain Deſcription of the Herb Vervain, the Place and Manner of its Growth, that it may be eaſier found and known by the common People. The common Vervain grows with a fibrous or ſtringy Root, of a light brown Colour, very hard, of a bitteriſh Taſte; ſends up Stalks, many half a Yard high, ſquariſh, ſolid, ſomewhat rough, of a purpliſh Green, and branched: the Leaves ſtand upon the Stalks in Couples over againſt each other, hairy on both ſides, wrinkled, and jagged with deep Cuts, and wide towards the Stalk End, ſomething like Oak Leaves when half grown, of a deeper Green above than beneath. The Flowers are ranged in long Spikes, of a very pale Purple, divided into five Parts at the Top, ſucceeded by four ſmall longiſh Seeds joined together. The flower is very ſmall, the two uppermoſt Segments appearing like a Creſt, and turned upwards. It grows very often in Highways, Court-Yards, chalky, gravelly, and ſtony uncultivated Places, and blows in July, Auguſt, September, and October, Some call it the Holy Herb; in

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Latin *Verbena*; in Welſh, Cas gangythyrel. All the Herb is very bitter and Aſtringent. It is much celebrated for almoſt numberleſs Virtues, by antient Authors. By the Moderns hardly noticed; not being faſhionable in the preſent Practice. This Plant, by a Chymical Analyſis, yields ſeveral acid Liquors; Abundance of Oil; pretty much volatile concrete Salt and Earth: It is therefore probable, that it contains ſome Sal-Ammoniac, united with a good deal of Sulphur. It is vulnerary, cleanſing, and opening. The other Medicines and Applications, with their Preparations, ſuch as common People may manage, will be found in the following Caſes.

CASE I.

PHILIP WINTERFLOOD, late of *Halſtead*, in *Eſſex*, a Journeyman Barber, aged 35, formerly living at the Sign of the *Peruke*, oppoſite the *White-Horſe*, at *Mile-End*, near *London*, who was a fat Man, was for eight Years miſerably afflicted with ſeveral ſtrumous Ulcers under both Breaſts; ſome were above an Inch deep, diſcharged much foul corrupted Matter, had done ſo for Years, could get no Help, and had the Evil hereditary in his Family many Years. This poor man was in *Halſtead* Workhouſe, where his Diet and Attendance were not of the beſt. The firſt Thing

Thing I did was to give him the Vervain Root to wear about his Neck, and ordered him ſome gentle Phyſic once a Week. To wit, Syrup of Roſes one Ounce, Manna one Ounce, diſſolved in a Pint of ſkimmed Milk, for one Doſe: Sometimes he got it, ſometimes he did not. I gave him a Phial of Liquor to waſh his Sores Night and Morning, of Vinegar one third, Red Port Wine one third, and Vervain Water diſtilled one third; ſome Ointment to ſpread on a Rag, and lay on the Sores after waſhing them. The Ointment was made with green Vervain Leaves with about a fourth Part of Houſe-leek Leaves both bruiſed, and boiled in Pork Lard, till it was of a good Conſiſtence, and and all the watery Part waſted, then ſtrained and kept for Uſe. It may be made ſtronger by boiling the ſame Quantity of Herbs in the ſame Liquor as before. Note; inſtead of diſtilled Vervain Water, which poor People cannot ſo eaſily procure, the Infuſion of the Vervain Leaves may be uſed; that is, hot boiling Water poured upon the Herb, like Tea, and covered; when cold may be uſed it is Stead. This Method cured this Man in ſix Months, nothing elſe was uſed, and he continues well for aught I know to this Day.

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CASE II.

Robert Heatherly, Son of the Reverend Mr. *Heatherly*, late Miniſter of *Clavering*, in *Eſſex*, formerly Maſter of the School in *Chriſt-Hoſpital*, *London*, aged Twenty-three, was an Out-Patient of St. *Bartholomew*'s Hoſpital for the King's-Evil, had the ſecond Joint of his Thumb ſo affected, that the Bone came out, and many other Sores healed up and ſeemed cured: Not long after, the Diſorder fell into both his Eyes, with ſome ſmall unbroken Tumours in the Neck and under both Ears, and had been Blind ſome Months. He came to me with his Eyes covered; has been well ſome Years, and is now in the Exciſe. I gave this Man a Root; ordered him a gentle Purge of half Manna and half Syrup of Roſes, in thin Milk, once a Week for three Months; to leave off all Covering to his Eyes, and waſh them often with cold Spring-Water, dropping ſome into the Eyes; this reſtored him perfectly to his Sight.

CASE III.

Ann Nunn, Daughter of *John Nunn*, Farmer, near *Laindon-hills*, in *Eſſex*, aged Twenty-one, had a large ſcrophulous Tumor opened on the right under Jaw-Bone by Mr. *Earl*, of *Hornden*; it diſcharged moſtly

a thin watery Matter; but as he could not heal the Wound, ſhe came to me. I gave her a Root, and ordered ſome gentle Purges, but no Salts, for I always find them bad in ſcrophulous Caſes, and gave her ſome Vervain Ointment for the Wound, which ſoon healed it up.

CASE IV.

Elizabeth Reynolds, Wife of *Joſeph Reynolds*, of *Halſtead*, Farmer, aged Twenty-five, came to me with her Lips much ſwelled; it had been coming three Years; the inſide of the Noſe and upper Lip broke out and very ſcabby, and a large uneven ſcrophulous Tumour had been encreaſing three Quarters of a Year, under the right Ear, and ſeveral ſmall Swellings on the left Side of the Neck. I diſperſed all the Swellings, and cured her other Complaints in ſix Months; ſince which ſhe had no returns. Firſt I gave her a Root, and purged her with gentle Phyſic. I alſo gave her ſome Vervain Ointment for the Lip and Noſe, and ordered her to take ſome green Hemlock Leaves, bruiſe and apply them warm once a day to the large Tumour: In ſix Weeks the Tumour was greatly diminiſhed; but as the Hemlock worn conſtantly ſomewhat affected the Head and Eyes, I ordered it to be applied only at night, and to lay on till the Morning, which in two or three Months reduced the Swelling entirely

tirely, all the ſmall Tumors vaniſhed, and were quite cured. *Note*, if the Hemlock affect the Head, as it ſometimes will do, if applied near the Head and Neck; ſome gentle Phyſic muſt be often uſed, or the Quantity of Hemlock leſſened. If neither will do, leave it quite off.

CASE V.

William Ardley, Weaver, of *Coggeſhall*, in *Eſſex*, aged Forty, had been much troubled with the Tooth and Ear-ach: afterwards a Sore broke within-ſide the left Cheek and diſcharged near a Pint of ſtinking Matter, at ſeveral Times, then a Large Tumor aroſe on the left Jaw-bone and broke into three Ulcers outwardly, and diſcharged much Matter. The Sore within the Cheek healed up, when it was with difficulty he could open his Mouth. I gave him a Root, and ordered him once a Week a Purge of Jalap, five or ſix Grains, more or leſs, as it operated; two Motions a Day ſufficient: Applied to the Sores without-ſide the Cheek a Poultice of white Bread, Milk, white Lilly Roots, and Grounſel, all maſhed together, and laid on warm Morning and Night; this ſufficiently digeſted the Sore, then I healed it up with the following black Plaiſter. Take white Lead finely powdered two Ounces, Olive Oil, four Ounces, mix theſe in a large earthen Pipkin, boil over

a ſlow Fire, ſtir all the while with a Piece of Lead till it grows of a deep brown or blackiſh Colour. This will take an Hour or more. Let the Pipkin be about a Quarter full; leſt it boil over, which it is very apt to do. Let it cool in a Gally-pot, and keep it for Uſe. When you want it, warm the Point of a Knife, and ſpread it pretty thick on black Silk or Linen Rag, apply it warm, and it will ſtick, if not too much boiled. Do not pull off the Plaiſters, leſt you hurt the Sore; when it falls off itſelf, apply a freſh one as long as wanted.

CASE VI.

Deborah Alſton, Wife of *Thomas Alſton*, of *Heney*, in *Eſſex*, aged Twenty-four, came to me with a running Ulcer about the Middle of the Outſide of her left Thigh, which had been healing and running for ten Years; a ſmall Ulcer near the left Breaſt, and ſmall Kernels, ſometimes about the Neck and Throat, which ſhewed the Complaint to be ſcrophulous: ſhe had been twice ſalivated, and much done to little Purpoſe. I gave her a Root, ordered Roſe Leaves boiled in Whey for a gentle Purge once a Week, to waſh the Ulcers twice a Day with a ſtrong Infuſion of Hemlock Leaves, and to apply a Rag ſpread with Elder Ointment over them. About two Months after, ſhe felt a Piece of Bone very looſe: I ordered her then to

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apply much Lint, wetted with the Infuſion Morning and Night, and the Elder Ointment as before. Three Weeks after, the Point of a Bone ſticking out, ſhe herſelf, with the Point of a Penknife, enlarged the Wound, took out a Piece of Bone, and examining the Wound with her Finger, took out two more Pieces, followed by much Blood: A Week after, ſhe brought the three Pieces to me; the Wound looked clean, healed up in a Month's Time; ſhe has no Lameneſs, walks well, enjoys good Health, and feels no more Prickings or Signs of any more Pieces of Bone. Two of the Exfoliations are each two Inches and an Half long, and one Inch broad, the other two Inches long and three Quarters of an Inch broad; weighing altogether a Quarter of an Ounce. Some Parts looked black and ſome white, and as if Worm-eaten. The whole when laid together meaſured ſeven Inches. *Note*, Elder Ointment is made in the Spring, by boiling the young Leaves in Mutton Suet till the Moiſture is waſted, or in Pork Lard. To make it ſtrong, add the ſame Quantity of Leaves as before, after ſtraining the firſt Leaves from the Liquor, and repeat this three Times. In Winter, when no Leaves, take the tender Bark of the laſt Summer's Shoots, ſcrape and boil them as above, and keep for Uſe.

CASE VII.

Robert Ruſs, aged Twenty-three, Son of Mr. *James Ruſs*, Quarter-Maſter of Sir *Robert Rich*'s Dragoons, was quartered at *Chelmsford*, in *Eſſex*: He was bit by a Monkey on the left Side of his Neck: It was ſore; he had many ſcrophulous Swellings appeared under his Chin and round about his Neck, hard, and oftentimes very painful, and many ſmall Puſtules breaking out like a ſalt Humour in many Parts, I gave him the Vervain Root to wear about his Neck, and ordered him a gentle Purge of Jalap, in thin Milk, once a Week; the other ſix Days to take a Dram of Antimony finely powdered, or levigated, mixt with the ſame Quantity of Loaf Sugar, beat fine, to waſh it down with a Quarter of a Pint of Ground-Ivy Tea, to continue this Courſe ſix Months, and to uſe Vervain Ointment to the Sores. An Acquaintance of his, whom he recommended to my Care, aſſures me he told him he had the Happineſs of being perfectly cured, with God's Aſſiſtance, and declares, no other Remedies he had ever uſed, had any Effect, but mine.—This was ſeveral Years after the Cure.

CASE VIII.

John Butcher of *Bocking* in *Essex*, Bay-Weaver, aged Thirty. He first felt a dashing Pain strike suddenly into the lower Joint of the Fore-finger of his right Hand; and in about a Month, all the other Fingers and Thumb were affected in the same Manner; and so contracted that he could not stir them even with the other Hand without great Pain. No Discolouration, or any perceivable Tumour, Swelling, or preternatural Heat, to the Touch of himself or others. This Man I restored to the full Use of his Hand, Fingers, and Thumb, by the following Method: I gave him a Root; ordered a Purge of Rose Leaves, boiled in Whey, once a Week; directed him to boil Cabbage Leaves bruised in Water; bathe his Hand in the warm Liquor, Morning and Night for Half an Hour at a Time, and to rub all the Joints, after bathing, with the Vervain Ointment. This Man had several Relations troubled with the Evil; I therefore treated him as a scrophulated Patient, and cured him in two Months. He was discharged from the *Essex* Militia, as unfit; but after Cure admitted again.

CASE IX.

Robert London, Son of *Robert London*, of *Bradfield Combuſt*, in *Suffolk*, aged Thirty-two, had a Fever which held about a Week. Three Months after, thirteen Tumors roſe about the Legs, Thighs, and Buttocks, had been all opened by a Surgeon, and diſcharged ſo violently, that he was reduced to a meer Skeleton. He was brought to me in a Cart, with a Bed in it, being unable to move Hand or Foot, or to be moved without great Trouble. I went to the Cart; he looked like a dead Corpſe; his Stomach was gone, and his Viſage very ghaſtly. This Man's Sores were all tented, which I ordered to be pulled out; all the Dreſſings to be laid aſide; all the Sores to be gently ſyringed twice a Day with a ſtrong Decoction of Hemlock, Milk-warm, dry Lint to be applied, and leſt it ſhould ſtick, Elder Ointment ſpread on a Rag over all. I moreover ordered him daily Half a Dram of Antimony, finely powdered, with an equal Quantity of Loaf Sugar, and to waſh it down with Ground-ivy Tea. I alſo put a Root about his Neck. In three Weeks Time his Stomach returned; his Sores began to heal; and in two Months the Surgeon wrote he was quite well. This, by many, is called the Running Evil.

CASE X.

Susan Ottley, of *Bocking*, in *Essex*, single Woman, aged Twenty-six, came to me with almost numberless Ulcers and fungous scabby Excrecences from the Top of the right Shoulder down below the Nipple of the right Breast, all hollow like an Honey Comb. She had a deep Ulcer on the Inside of the Arm, near the right Arm-pit, one near her Shoulder, one within-side the Arm about three Inches above the Elbow, and one almost under the right Buttock, bad Stomach, bad Health and Complexion, had this Disease hereditary; had one Sister died of it; another had it in her Eyes, of which I cured her. This Person came and lived near me, so that I saw her once in eight or ten Days, and I effected the Cure in the following Manner: I first gave her a Root, and applied a Plaister of Sperma Ceti and Sallad Oil, to the Scabs on the Shoulder, Neck, and Breast, which made them fall off; afterwards I applied the Black Plaister, as in Case V. which being changed and renewed, as Occasion required, at length healed up all the Sores. All the Time of her Cure I gave her daily a Dram of Antimony, finely powdered, mixed with Half a Dram of Loaf Sugar, and to drink a Cup full of Ground-ivy Tea after it. If it gave more than two Stools in twenty-

four Hours I leſſened the Doſe, and ſometimes increaſed it as I found her Body in Order. I continued this Courſe many Months: all her Sores are now well, ſhe has a good Stomach, a healthy florid Countenance, and ſo likely to continue. I adviſed her to purge gently every Spring and Fall with Jalap three or four Times, ſince married and had one Child.

CASE XI.

Mary Bingham Wife of *Adam Bingham*, Huſbandman, of *Creſſing*, lately living at *Patiſwick* in *Eſſex*, aged Twenty-eight, was led to me having been totally blind for twelve Months. Both Eyes looked as almoſt covered over with Cobwebs of a dead leaden Colour, run much ſcalding Water, mixed with a white thick Matter from the Corners of her Eyes, and almoſt continually daſhing Pains about her Forehead, with many ſcrophulous Breakings-out, about the Corners of her Mouth, and ſeveral other Places. I gave her a Root of Vervain to wear about her Neck, ordered her to purge once a Week, with dried Damaſk Roſe Leaves, boiled in Whey; gave her a Phial of diſtilled Vervain Water, to drop five or ſix Drops cold into each Eye, four or five Times a Day, and to waſh them every Morning with the coldeſt Spring Wa-

ter. This Method, in a few Months, reſtored her Sight, ſo that ſhe can now ſee to ſpin, and do any common Work. Three Years after ſhe ſhewed me her right Breaſt very hard and full of Pain; this I judged to proceed from the old Complaint, for Want of proper Care. I ordered her to poultice it with Half white Nettle Leaves, and Half Elder Leaves, warm, Morning and Night; which reſtored the Breaſt to be as well as the other. This Caſe ſhews this Diſorder is ſubject to return, without due Care and Caution.

CASE XII.

Eleanor Bullmore, kept the *Golden Lyon* in *Newmarket*, *Suffolk*, aged 55, had a violent Raſh came out all over her, then fell into the left Leg, and produced a very large, foul, deep, ſtinking Ulcer, almoſt all round the Small of her Leg, five or ſix Inches long; the Muſcles that ſerve to bend the great Toe and Foot upwards, bare and dry as a Horn, an Inch or more in Length, and grown about with much proud Fleſh. This Woman had not been able to ſtir off her Couch, for a Year and an Half without great Difficulty, and two Stilts under her Arms. A great Phyſician told her, if ſhe went to an Hoſpital, the Ulcer might be healed in two Months, but in all probability it would kill her. Living at *Newmarket*, ſeveral Phyſicians

cians ſaw her after I took her in Hand. The Muſcle of the Leg is rotted out, ſo that ſhe cannot bend her Foot upwards, and muſt always go limping. She goes about her Houſe without Crutches, but now and then uſes an under-hand Staff, eſpecially up Steps. The Ulcer is now very clean, and not above the Bigneſs of Half a Crown; the Woman is in good Health and Spirits, and able to manage her Houſe herſelf, having, ſince I firſt ſaw her, loſt her Husband. I gave her a Root, judging the Caſe ſcrophulous, and ordered the Ulcer to be cleanſed twice a Day from its Filth, with a Decoction of Hemlock, and then to apply the Herb bruiſed with Pork-Lard and fine Oatmeal, warm, as a Poultice, freſh twice a Day as long as wanted, and at the ſame Time to uſe the following Diet-drink, to wit, Take Senna four Ounces; of ſharp-pointed Dock Root, Half a Pound; great Water-Dock Root, Half a Pound; Polypody-Roots Half a Pound; all ſliced very thin; Crude Antimony groſly powdered, one Pound, and tied up in a Rag: Boil all in three Gallons of Sweet-wort till one Gallon is waſted; ſtrain it when cool enough; work it with a Spoonful of Yeaſt; add white Nettles, green Broom, and Ground-Ivy, of each bruiſed a Handful; let all work together: when done, ſtrain and bottle up cloſe for Uſe. Of this Liquor ſhe drank a Coffee-cupful Morning and Night, and was to increaſe or leſſen the Doſe as it operated; two Motions in twenty-four Hours are ſufficient,

cient, ſhe found great Benefit by it. She was alſo to anoint her Leg round the Ulcer with Elder Ointment. As the Ulcer is now brought to good Condition and ſmall Compaſs, I think it much better for her Health, at her Time of Life, that it continue open, rather than heal it quite up. *Note*, It is beſt in Summer Time to make but Half the Quantity of Diet-drink at once, leſt it turn ſour and vomitive; it muſt then be thrown away and freſh made. I cured her Son of the Evil in his Eyes at the ſame Time, and in the Manner as related in Caſe II.

CASE XIII.

John Nicolls, Son of *Zachariah Nicolls*, Miller, of *Little Aſhen*, near *Dunmow*, in *Eſſex*, aged Seven, had a ſcrophulous Swelling on the great Toe of the left Foot; ſeveral ſmall running Ulcers on the ſame, which diſcharged a thin, corroſive, watery Humour, for Half a Year, and the Evil a little in the left Eye. I gave this Child a ſmall Root; ordered Syrup of Roſes and Manna, equal Parts, in thin Milk once a Week, for a gentle Purge; to waſh his Eyes with the coldeſt Spring Water every Day, and a Cataplaſm of a Garden Snail but of a ſhell, beat to a Maſh, with the ſame Quantity of Garden Parſley, applied to the Toe, freſh twice in twenty-four Hours; this perfectly cured the Diſorder in three Months.

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CASE XIV.

Matthew Byford, Son of *Abel Byford*, of *Little Samford*, in *Essex*, aged Eighteen, had a large Tumor arose on the upper Part of his left Thigh, which had became an Ulcer, and run much thick Matter. An Inch above the Ulcer was a very red inflammatory Swelling, which seemed to communicate with the Ulcer, I gave him a Root, and ordered to purge once a Week, with equals Parts of Manna and Syrup of Roses, dissolved in Cheese Whey, for two Months, and to inject a Decoction of Hemlock into the running Ulcer; then to apply a Poultice of Half white Nettle Leaves, by some called Archangels, and Half Elder Leaves, beat into a Mash, with a little Pork Lard and fine Oatmeal, fresh and warm, twice a Day, over both Ulcer and Tumor. In three Months a perfect Cure was made.

CASE XV.

Elizabeth Golden, Wife of *John Golden*, of *Water Beauchamp*, in *Essex*, Husbandman, had a most violent hot salt Humour in her left Leg, which broke almost into numberless Water Bladders; itched much, was greatly inflamed; and the Flesh hardened; the Inside of her Thigh on the same side began to be affected in the like Manner. I advised her to drink

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Half a Pint of Tea, made with the common red Dock Roots ſliced thin, Morning and Night, or boiled in Cheeſe Whey; then to waſh her Leg and Thigh all over with an Infuſion of Green Hemlock Leaves, and to anoint the ſame with Elder Ointment; in three Months ſhe came to me almoſt well, but complained of a Coldneſs at her Stomach, for which I ordered a gentle Purge of Jalap, with a little grated Ginger once a Week. About two Months after ſhe came to thank me, being quite free of her Complaints. *Note*, No Root preſcribed, as I thought it more ſcorbutic than ſcrophulous.

CASE XVI.

Edward Howlet, of *Burnham*, in *Eſſex*, Huſbandman, aged 30, had a Tumour that appeared and diſappeared at Times near the right Jugular, for a Year; afterwards it ſwelled as large as a Halfpenny Loaf, then was poulticed by a Surgeon's Direction, but it did neither ſupurate or diſperſe, but was opened: ſome Part cut away, and diſcharged a little thick bloody Matter. It had been cut eleven Times, as faſt as the Fungous kept growing, and diſcharged much of the ſame ſort of Matter. When he came to me the Fungous was large and flat, with thick Edges like a Cake laid on the Part; the Edges were ulcerated, it was three Inches in Diameter, and one Inch thick, the Man well in every

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other Reſpects. As I apprehended this to be a ſcrophulous Caſe, I gave him a Root to wear at his Stomach, ordered to purge gently twice a Week with Damaſk Roſe Leaves, boiled in Cheeſe Whey, to apply Slips of black Plaiſter, as in Caſe V. to the Ulcers round the Edge of the Fungous, and over all, the Hemlock Leaves bruiſed and very hot, twice a Day. He was in a Month much mended; in three Months the Fungous almoſt waſted; and ſome Months after he came to ſhew me, he was quite well, not the leaſt Remains of the Fungous or any Ulcer, but the Neck ſmooth and even, and no Complaint whatever.

CASE XVII.

Elizabeth Hart, Daughter of *Thomas Hart*, of *Earls Colne*, *Eſſex*, Huſbandman, aged Twenty, had a Swelling on the Wind-pipe, which compreſt it ſo much as to cauſe a great Difficulty in ſwallowing, her Throat very ſore within-ſide; had been increaſing two Years, her lips often cracked and bled. I gave her a Root, directed to purge gently often, with Syrup of Roſes and Manna in Cheeſe Whey or thin Milk, and to apply a Poultice of a Garden Snail and Parſley bruiſed, freſh Morning and Evening; this produced many ſmall Pimples, which diſcharged ſome little watery Matter, then diſappeared, and others in a Day or two in

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like Manner ſucceeded, until all the Humour was diſcharged, and the Swelling quite gone. I moreover ordered her to bruiſe eight or ten Millepedes or Sow Bugs, make them into a Pill with freſh Butter, and going to Reſt to let it lay at the Root of her Tongue, ſo as to melt gradually, till the Sorenes within-ſide the Throat was no more; theſe Methods in three Months removed all her Complaints.

CASE XVIII.

Joſeph Traylin, of *Toppesfield*, in *Eſſex*, Cooper, aged Forty, had ſeveral Tumours and Ulcers on the Back of his Right Hand, which rendered it uſeleſs, and ſome ſmall Swellings about his Groin and Arm-pits; has the Evil ſtrong in the Family; found no Help from the ſurgeon, ſo came to me; I gave him a Root, and ordered to purge weekly for ſix Weeks, with Damaſk Roſe Leaves boiled in Whey, ſweetened with Manna, and to apply a Poultice of White Nettle Leaves beat to a Maſh, with a little Pork Lard, and fine Oat-meal, freſh and warm twice a Day, to the Back of the Hand; in a Week he found great Benefit, and in a Fortnight more, the Swellings on the Hand were all down and well; he came about two Months after, his Hand quite firm and well, and all his other Complaints gone.

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CASE XIX.

Mary Tyler, Wife of *William Tyler*, of *Halſtead*, Huſbandman, aged Thirty-ſix, had the Evil breaking out all over her at Times, for many Years. When ſhe came to me had both Lips monſtrouſly ſwelled, and her Mouth ſo very ſore, that it was painful for her to get her Victuals into it, her Noſe ſwelled, and all the lower Parts of her Face and Chin almoſt one intire Scab, with many ſcrophulous Breakings-out on the upper Part of her Face; all her Neighbours told her ſhe ought, for Shame, to cover her Face when ſhe went into the Street; ſhe had many other Breakings-out of the ſame Kind on both Legs and Arms, which were all very much inflamed. I gave her a Root, and ordered gentle Jalap Purges twice a Week; and for conſtant Drink, a Handful of Ground Ivy Leaves, and about an Ounce of common Red Dock Roots ſliced thin, and boiled in two Quarts of Water, covered, till a Pint is boiled away, ſtrained and kept for Drink the next Day, and ſo conſtantly, except ſhe purged; the Mouth to be waſhed twice a Day with an Infuſion of green Hemlock Leaves, and all Scabs on the Face, Legs, and Arms, or other Places likewiſe; but to be careful ſhe ſwallowed none, or touched her Eyes; then to anoint with the Elder Ointment. As ſhe lived by me, I ſaw her frequently

frequently, and ſometimes found it proper to add Half Hemlock Ointment to the other, that is made by boiling the green Leaves of Hemlock, bruiſed in Hog's Lard, and ſtrained: If it wants to be ſtronger, boil the ſame Quantity of the Hemlock Leaves in the ſame Liquor two or three Times. She is now well, and her Face clean and ſmooth, and no ſcrophulous Symptoms. *Note.* All Ointments ſhould be boiled in earthen Pots; for Metal is corroſive.

CASE XX.

The next Caſe I ſhall give as drawn up by the Patient himſelf.

I *John Hickman*, Gardener to the Right Honourable Lady *Bateman*, at *Yeldham*, in *Eſſex*, aged Fifty Years; ſix Months ſince, having a violent rheumatic Pain ſtruck into my right Arm and Hand, with great Weakneſs, my Hand grew very thick, and my Fingers ſtood out ſtiff and immoveable, and quite uſeleſs, that I could not lift my Hand to my Head, nor take up an Ounce Weight off the Table with it; the Fleſh pitted much, without Heat or Diſcolouration. I had a ſmall Ulcer on the Wriſt near my Hand. I was adviſed, and had a Letter of Recommendation to the moſt eminent Surgeons in *London*, to whom I applied without any Succeſs. After I came Home,

I was adviſed to apply to Mr. *Morley*, and three Weeks after I had been with him, I could ſtir my Fingers, and in ten Weeks Time the Swelling of my Hand was wholly gone, the Ulcer is entirely healed, and now by the Bleſſing of God I can uſe my Hand and do my Work as uſual, and never was in a better State of Health in my Life: as witneſs my Hand.

February, 1766. JOHN HICKMAN.

This Perſon was cured by the following Method. I gave him a large Vervain Root to wear at his Stomach, and directed him to purge once a Week with ten Grains of Jalap, and as much Cream of Tartar, and leſſen the Quantity, if more than three or four Motions. I directed him to boil Half a Pound of Salt-petre in a Quart of Spring Water to a Pint, and to apply Cloths three or four Times double, wetted in the Liquor pretty warm, three Times in Twenty-four Hours, a Quarter of an Hour at a Time. To wrap up the Hand in warm Flannel, and alſo to have a Flannel Sleeve right on the Arm: gave him ſome Vervain Ointment to the Ulcer, and afterwards a Piece of Black Plaiſter, which made it ſound and well.

CASE XXI.

A young Gentleman in *London*, aged 26, falling down on both Knees cauſed a white lymphatic

lymphatic Swelling on his right Knee, notwithſtanding the following Means had been uſed, as he himſelf told me, without Effect. Firſt the Knee was treated as a common Bruiſe, and rubbed with Oils; afterwards poulticed with white Bread and Milk, Lees of Beer, near a Month; then fomented with an Infuſion of Camomile; next a Bliſter, which run but little; then Leeches applied twice, ſix at a Time; was at *Bath*, afterwards at *Southampton*, went through the uſual Methods at both Places; after all nothing touched the Swelling. He had alſo a ſmall ſcrophulous Tumor, red and enflamed, on the Point of the Breaſt Bone. I gave this Gentleman a Vervain Root, ordered ſome gentle Phyſic once a Week, and to foment the Knee with a Decoction of green Hemlock Leaves, Morning and Night, for Half an Hour at a Time, warm, and afterwards to apply the Herb bruiſed, all over the Knee, and to lace it on with a Knee Piece. Some Months after, he wrote to me as follows: 'I am ſure all the Pleaſure I enjoy 'is totally to be attributed to your Kindneſs, 'for had I not been ſo happy as to have been 'under your Direction, moſt likely I ſhould 'not have gained the Uſe of my Limbs ſo 'ſoon.' In another Letter he ſays, 'I am 'ſurpriſingly recovered in Regard to my 'Knee.'

CASE XXII.

A little Girl in *London*, four Years old, had a ſcrophulous Ulcer on each Arm: both had been dried up, by the Uſe of the Bark, by Order of one of the principal Phyſicians in *London*. Soon after broke out a deep Ulcer on the Calf of each Leg: theſe were cured by ſome gentle Phyſic and a Vervain Root at her Stomach. Some Time after, neglecting to wear the Root as directed, the Humour fell into both her Eyes, which was ſoon removed by a freſh Vervain Root. I have had very frequent Inſtances of People leaving off, or looſing their Roots, thinking them very inſignificant, the Diſeaſe has returned; but by Application of freſh Roots, their Complaints have again diſappeared: In ſome People this has been the Caſe three or four Times. Theſe are certainly convincing Proofs of the great Efficacy of the Vervain Root, in ſcrophulous Complaints,

CASE XXIII.

A Lady in *Norfolk*, about Twenty-five, had a large ſcrophulous Tumor near the left Ancle, and pricking daſhing Pains in her Joints. When I firſt ſaw her, ſhe bathed daily in Salt Water; which had ſo ſwelled and inflamed her Leg, ſhe could hardly ſtand. I begg'd her to leave off bathing, which ſhe did; in forty-eight Hours

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ſhe found Eaſe; and ſome Months after, I had a Letter from her, that her Complaints were by my Directions entirely removed. I cured this Lady by anointing the Tumor with the following Ointment. Pomatum one Ounce, Flower of Brimſtone one Dram, Salt Prunella Half an Ounce; this ſoon cooled the Inflamation. I gave her a Root, and ordered gentle Phyſic. This Caſe ſhews the bad Effects of Salt Water Bathing, in ſcrophulous Diſorders.

CASE XXIV.

A young Lady in *Norfolk*, aged Twelve, had a ſmooth flattiſh Tumor about the bigneſs of Half a Crown, gathering above the Nipple of the Left Breaſt: ſhe had been under the Care of a judicious Phyſician, without any apparent Advantage. I gave her a Vervain Root, and ordered a Pint of Milk to be boiled and ſweetened with a Table Spoonful of clarified Honey, and taken in four Draughts; in the Morning faſting, at Eleven, at Four, and one at Bed Time; taking thirty or forty Millepedes with the firſt and laſt Draughts. This diſſolved the Tumor, without any Return.

Names in this, and the three preceding Caſes, as deſired, are omitted.

This Eſſay, by its Bulk, would become too coſtly for common People, ſhould I have leave to give an Account of all thoſe whoſe

Cures teſtify the Succeſs of my Method. However, as what will cure the Poor, whoſe Welfare I have much at Heart, will alſo the Rich, the Caſes I give of the Poor, may briefly ſerve for the Rich. Unhappy I am when applied to in the laſt Stage of the Evil and ſcrophulous Diſorders, after repeated unſucceſsful Trials by others: yet even then have I ſaved both Life and Limbs. I ſhall mention two Caſes more, to ſhew the good Effects of Hemlock in ſcrophulous Caſes.

CASE XXV.

Peter Raven of *Earls Coln, Eſſex*, Labo rer, aged Forty, was in the Workhouſe when he applied to me, and gave me the following Account: 'Eight Years ſince ſe-'veral daſhing Pains ſtruck into his right 'Breaſt, which in an Hour's Time ſwelled 'as big as his Fiſt, without any Strain or 'Hurt that he remembers; it was poulticed 'for nine Weeks without any Effect, the 'Sinews of the right Arm contracted, the 'Swelling on his Breaſt kept increaſing for 'ſeven Years, and was bigger than his 'Head; at length broke of itſelf, and diſ-'charged a Quart or two of white thick 'Matter; and Numbers of other Ulcers ap-'peared all over the Breaſt, which kept 'running near a Year.' When he came to me he was ſeemingly in a deep Conſumption, with a very bad Cough, emaciated to a great Degree;

Degree; to all Appearance in a dying Way, and ſmelt moſt filthily: I think never was a more deplorable Object. I ordered him to take a Dram of green Hemlock Leaves freſh every Day, bruiſe and boil in a Pint and Half of Cheeſe Whey, ſtrain, take one Half faſting, the other at Night going to Reſt, waſhing all the Sores firſt with a ſtrong Infuſion of Hemlock, and then to apply Elder Ointment on a Cloth all over his Breaſt; he came in a Fortnight's Time, his Cough gone, Stomach good, Colour returning, and ſlept well; a Month after, I added Half Hemlock Ointment to the Elder Ointment, and in ſome Months compleated the Cure. He is now out of the Workhouſe, and maintains himſelf by his Labour; is married, and has a Chi'd ſince his Cure; no other Method was uſed. *Note*, He had no Vervain Root. This Cure muſt be attributed to the Hemlock only.

CASE XXVI.

John Newton, of *Halſtead*, *Eſſex*, Weaver, aged Thirty-eight, a Year before he came to me, had a Humour broke out on the lower Part of the Shin of his left Leg, with many ſmall Pimples, with white Heads, afterwards ran clear Water, and broke into a large deep Ulcer, ſo that the Bone was viſible, with much fungous Fleſh at the Bottom, the Leg and Foot ſwelled, pitted much, ſo

very lame he could not come to my Houſe, a Mile only, except on Horſeback. I ordered him gentle Jalap Purgatives, thrice a Week at firſt, then twice, then once as he mended; and directed him to take a large Handful of green Hemlock Leaves bruiſed, put into an empty Firkin, and pour a Gallon or two of Water from a Smith's Forge, ſcalding hot on them; then to put his Foot and Leg into it, as deep as the Veſſel would admit, not when ſcalding; and to keep it in the Liquor Morning and Night a Quarter of an Hour at a Time. Then to take a freſh gathered Carrot, waſh and raſp it; ſqueeze the Juice out with the Fingers, warm the Raſpings and fill the Ulcer with it, quite down to the Bottom, and a little above the Surface of the Ulcer and Leg, with a dry Cloth over it, bind all on with a Rowler; and repeat this Dreſſing and no other after ſoaking. This perfectly cured his Leg in ten Weeks, and filled the Ulcer with ſound and good Fleſh, and quite ſmooth. *Note*, No Vervain Root was uſed here.

CASE XXVII.

Aaron Wiſkey, of *Palſted*, *Suffolk*, Shoe-Maker, aged Thirty-four, applied to me in *June*, 1709. After a Fever, a Sore gathered near the Point of his Back Bone. By poulticing it broke, and diſcharged, for a conſiderable Time, a thin gleety Matter, from a very ſmall Orifice,

Orifice. A large Swelling came on the left Thigh, was very hard and gave great Pain. As it was thought he had been trouble with the St. Anthony's Fire, it was conjectured it had ſettled there. He was greatly emaciated. I recommended a Vervain Root; and to purge gently with Tincture of Jalap made in Geneva, as in Page 58, once a Week, and to drink of the following Decoction the other Days. Of red ſharp pointed Dock-Root, ſliced thin, one Ounce; Sorrel-Leaves bruiſed thirty or forty: Pour on this a Pint of Cheeſe Whey boiling hot; cover cloſe: When cool, ſtrain it, and drink it Milk-warm, at three different Times; one Third faſting, another about Eleven o'Clock, and the Remainder about Five in the Afternoon. I ordered a large Handful of green Hemlock Leaves bruiſed, to be applied on the Thigh; and the Wound on the Back to have the Hemlock Infuſion injected. Afterwards, equal Parts of Hemlock and Elder Ointment, made with Gooſe Fat, ſpread on Lint, to be laid over the Wound, and dreſt Morning and Night. The 10th of *October* following he came again to me; his Thigh was greatly ſwelled, and there ſeemed to be a Head as if tending to break. I adviſed applying a Plaiſter of Shoe-maker's Wax to it. On the Eighth of the next Month, the Sore on the Thigh broke, and diſcharged, at one Time, five Quarts of thin watery Matter, like Whey, and the Thigh ſubſided to its former Size.

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It continued discharging by little and little for a considerable Time, but less and less daily. The 3d of *July*, 1770, he came to my House, and told me many small Pieces of Bone came from the Sore on the Back-Bone; but that it was then sound and well, and his Thigh in a fine Way of Recovery. The 6th of *August*, 1771, he again came to thank me; and clapping his Hand upon his Thigh, in great Spirits, cry'd out, "As sound "as a Roach!" The 1st of *September*, 1772, a Neighbour of his coming to me, informed me this Man then continued hearty, sound, and well.

CASE XXVIII.

A worthy Lady sent me the Case of a poor Woman, which I shall give nearly in her own Words. 'The poor Creature is 'now about Fifty. Eight Years ago she 'lay in; at the End of the Month was 'seized with a violent Pain in her right Leg, 'just below the Calf. A small Pimple rose 'which increased till it came to a real Sore. 'Many things were tried to no Purpose for 'several Years. She was eight Months in an 'Hospital, and discharged as incurable. She 'now has two large Holes; about Half an 'Inch deep; the Bottom looks whitish, with 'black Spots, and full of small Holes; the 'Sides are of a very dark Red, or rather 'blackish. At Times they are extremely

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painful, and bleed frequently. The upper Part of her Leg is very black indeed, and extremely ſwelled. She has for ſome Time paſt applied nothing but a greaſy Rag to her Wounds. She is miſerably poor indeed; having nothing for a Livelihood but what ſhe can get by picking up decayed Wood, blown down on *Enfield Chace*. If ſhe can be helped, it would be a great Bleſſing.'—So far the Lady's Letter.

I referred her to follow what is laid down in *John Newton*'s Caſe, No. XXVI. in my Eſſay; only adding, that the poor Creature ſhould ſteep her Leg in a warm infuſion of Hemlock for Half an Hour, and to keep it warm after ſteeping, leaſt ſhe ſhould take Cold: The more Reſt ſhe could take, the better. In leſs than four Months the Lady called on me, and informed me, this poor Woman was quite recovered, and in a good State of Health.

CASE XXIX.

Michael Naſh, a Shepherd, living with Mr. *Guilford*, at *Halton*, near *Wendover*, *Bucks*, aged Twenty-five, being recommended to me by the Honourable *Lady Rachael Auſten*, of *North Audley Street*, *London*, the 10th of *January*, 1771, came to my Houſe for Advice. He had nine or ten Sores on his Legs and Thighs, and many ſcabby Eruptions on his Face and Neck. Theſe began about

about ſix Years before, and were by Degrees come to what they were. He had an Iſſue in his left Leg, which was greatly inflamed; His Appetite was tolerably good. To this poor Man I gave a Vervain Root to wear on his Stomach, and ordered him Tincture of Jalap in Geneva one Table Spoonful once a Week, in Cheeſe Whey or ſmall Ale; to waſh his Wounds with the Infuſion of Hemlock warm Morning and Night, and then to apply the black Plaiſter, as in Caſe V. Page 15, to his Sores. *Lady Auſten*, in a Letter to her Friend, dated the 23d of *Auguſt*, 1771, wrote that the above-mentioned poor Man, whom ſhe had recommended to me, was perfectly recovered; and adds, 'I think it a Miracle; for he was almoſt eat up (if one may ſo ſay) with the Evil.' This poor Shepherd ſent me a Lettter in the next Month, *September*, teſtifying his Gratitude and Thanks; and, according to his own Words, 'that he 'was right well.'

I muſt here mention, that I have received Thanks from many for Cures that have been effected without my Advice in Perſon; only by the Peruſal of my Eſſay and a ſteady regular Obſervation of the Rules as related in the preceding Caſes. Amongſt many other Letters, I ſhall, as a Proof, add Copies of what was wrote to me by a Perſon whom I never ſaw, giving it in his own Words. I will number it,

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CASE XXX.

SIR,

I HAVE taken this Opportunity of writing to you in Behalf of your Medicines for the Evil. Whereas I, *John Buck*, late of *Hingham*, in *Norfolk*, aged Thirty Years, now living at *Wymondham*, in the same County, was for twelve Years past violently afflicted with the King's Evil in my right Knee, and so bad that I could not stir without the Help of Crutches, and having been with the most eminent Surgeons in the County of *Norfolk*, but all to little Purpose, for they always counted it a white Swelling, and was clearly for taking off the Limb; for they told me that there was no Help for me. But Thanks be to God!—for with his Blessing, and with the Use of your Medicines, I am now right well, and can walk well and can follow my Business and do my Work without any Pain or Sorrow, aud am in as good State of Health as ever I was in my Life. Sir, if it be agreeable to you, I should like that it might be added into the Book, as it was accounted as surprising a Cure as ever was performed. I only go a little limping, but 'tis as little as possible; as witness my Hand,

JOHN BUCK, *Worsted Weaver.*

December 24, 1769.

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Some Time after receiving this Letter, I wrote to *John Buck* to know which of the Medicines he had uſed; in what Manner, and in what Time the Cure was effected; the Surgeons who had ſeen the Complaint, ſaid it was incurable; and were for taking off the Limb? As I had never ſeen or heard of *John Buck* before the Receipt of his Letter, I deſired a Gentleman near *Wymondham*, to enquire of the Truth of the Facts. He ſaw the Man, who gave him full Satisfaction as to his Caſe and Cure, agreeing with the following Letter from *Buck*, in Anſwer to my Enquiries.

Sir, my Duty to you. I *John Buck*, Worſted Weaver, of *Wymondham*, in *Norfolk*, aged Thirty Years, was for Twelve Years afflicted with the Evil in my right Knee, which for the firſt four Years would ſwell to a large Subſtance, and diſperſe again of its own ſelf; then having a violent Fever of nine Weeks, which ſo contracted the Joint and waſted my Leg and Thigh, that I was unable to walk without great Pain. I was adviſed to apply to Surgeon *Swift* of *Norwich*, and accordingly did, who told me it was a White Swelling, and it was incurable, and that the leſs I did to it the better. About one Year after I was adviſed to go to Dr. *Heald*, of *Norwich*, who told me the ſame as Dr. *Swift*. Two Years after comes a travelling Doctor to *Norwich*, who went by the

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Name of Dr. *Vernice*. He having ſuch Praiſe, I was recommended to him. He told me it was a White Swelling, and in two Months he could make a perfect Cure of me. I put myſelf under his Directions, but all to little Purpoſe. About a Year after I was ſeized with ſuch a violent Pain on the Inſide of my Knee, that it cauſed my Leg, Thigh, and Foot to ſwell in ſuch a Manner, that I was unable to move, or be moved, without great Pain, and with the Help of Crutches, and could take no Reſt Night or Day, which reduced me to a mere Skeleton. It continued this Courſe for a Year and a Half; then it broke into a running Ulcer on the Inſide of my Knee. Then I applied to Dr. *Caſleton* of *Hingham*, whoſe Care I was under three Weeks. Then he declared he could do no more for me, for the Bones were entirely decayed, and my Limb muſt be taken off; or it would coſt me my Life. But, by the Bleſſing of God, I was in a ſhort Time reſtored again to my former Strength, by the Help of Mr. *Morley*'s Book, to whom I return my hearty Thanks for the ſame. I walk well, and never was in a better State of Health in my Life. Given from under my own Hand this 3d Day of *June*, 1770.

JOHN BUCK.

The Cure was effected in the following Manner:—Firſt, I put the Vervain Root about my Neck. For a gentle Purge, I took

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ten Grains of Jalap, and ten Grains of Cream of Tartar, once a Week; and the other six Days, a Dram of Antimony, finely powdered, mixed with the same Quantity of Loaf Sugar, and washed it down with a Cup of Ground-Ivy Tea. For the Sore, I made a strong Infusion of green Hemlock to wash it with twice a Day; then bathed my Knee all over with Vervain Ointment: then I applied dry Lint, and lest it should stick, a Plaister of Elder-Ointment over it. In two Months I found great Benefit; and in Eight Months the Sore was healed. I have had no Return, now three Years ago.

I should be sorry the Testimony of the Gentleman who enquired at *Wymondham*, added to the Man's own Letters, were not sufficient to authenticate the Case, and the Method of Cure. Be that as it may, I must here remark, that hasty Amputations are too often practised to the irreparable Loss of the Patient, his Family, and the Community; especially if a poor Person. The Rich have the Means to advise with those who professedly undertake to cure their Disorders. I do not wish to take from any Man his Emoluments; but I repeat, that I am particularly anxious for the Poor. Should the Knife or the constant Use of Caustics, make Cripples, I pretend not to set them to rights.

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CASE XXXI.

The Right Honourable the *Counteſs* of *Marchmont*, out of her great Regard for the Welfare of the Poor, has been pleaſed to inform me of a very great Cure done in *Scotland*, from the Receipts only in my Eſſay on Scrophulous Diſorders. A middle aged Man, by Name *James Smart*, had in Auguſt laſt a Sore on his Cheek, which run greatly, and his Face was dreadfully ſwelled, the Sore was quite through his Cheek, had been long ill of that Complaint. He had a Vervain Root to wear at his Stomach, was ordered to take the Diet Drink preſcribed in Mrs. *Bulmer*'s Caſe, Page 25, and the gentle Phyſic of Syrup of Roſes and Manna, in Page 14, and to dreſs the Sore with Vervain Ointment, as in *Winterflood*'s Caſe. In about a Month, he was much better, ſeveral Bones came out, and the ſwelling was much fallen, he continued theſe Methods till March following, then the Sore was quite healed, and himſelf in perfect Health. This Cure was done only by the Peruſal of my Eſſay, as in *John Buck*'s Caſe.

I have had Caſes and Recommendations from almoſt an hundred Phyſicians, Surgeons and Apothecaries; ſome for their own Children, when their own Endeavours have proved abortive; ſome, to get rid of the Importunities of poor Patients, who could pay

nothing; ſome to ſee my Methods; and ſome they ſend to me to ſecure their own Credit, leſt they ſhould miſcarry under their Hands.

CASE XXXII.

Miſs *Frances Kingdon*, Daughter of Mr. *Edward Kingdon*, Stay-maker, in *Dukes-Court*, *Covent Garden*, *London*, was recommended to me by *Lady Gray*, of *Charles Street*, *Groſvenor Square*, had, about nine Years before ſhe came to me, a Tumor broke by a Poultice on the left Knee, and kept diſcharging three Years before it healed. Then a Tumor on the right Elbow broke and diſcharged ſome ſmall Pieces of Bones, from thence the Humour was tranſlated to the left Shin Bone, went on Crutches, then to St. *Bartholemew's Hoſpital*, where a large Piece of the main Bone was digeſted out, but could not be healed up. Then, by a Pinch on the left Elbow, it was greatly enlarged and opened, but could make nothing of it, ſo ſhe left the Hoſpital, with an Addition of a ſmall Tumor under the left Ear, the Shin Bone of the left Leg enlarging, and a univerſal ſcrophulous Conſtitution. They ſaid the Leg muſt be taken off, for it could not be cured; ſhe was Thirteen Years of Age, was near me with her Mother two Months, then went home with full Directions to continue my Methods, which ſhe did

did ſeveral Years with great Perſeverance, had many more Sores broke, and foul Bones exfoliated, and has at length received a perfect Cure, and has been well ſome Years. As I have her Conſent to publiſh this Cure, I would recommend any Perſon doubtful of it to herſelf, and Father and Mother, for full Satisfaction from themſelves.—I gave Miſs a large Vervain Root to wear as directed in my Eſſay on the Evil, and adviſed Mrs. *Bulmer*'s Diet Drink as therein, to waſh the Sores clean with an Infuſion of green Hemlock Leaves, then to apply a Cataplaſm of White Nettles maſhed with Pork Lard, freſh and warm twice a Day, to the Elbow; and to the healing Sores, dry Lint, and Vervain Ointment on Cloth over all, and to apply Tincture of Myrrh on a Spunge, where any Suſpicion of foul Bones, and the Black Plaiſter afterwards occaſionally. Thus ſhe was cured.

In the Preface I have hinted, that I never mentioned Names, if ſo deſired; and I muſt here add on this Head, I am ſo ſcrupulouſly delicate not even to aſk after a Perſon of their Neighbour, leſt it might raiſe a Suſpicion of my having been conſulted: So that the Knowledge of the Succeſs of my Methods muſt be much leſſened. I will not call it a Diſadvantage; becauſe it would ſeem as if I ſought after great Fame; but this I will ſay, that my ſeeing Patients hardly more than once or twice, becauſe of their Diſtance from me, makes me not on a Level with the

medical and ſurgical Gentlemen, who frequently ſee their Patients, ſo as to alter any Method of Cure, if neceſſary, which I cannot do for the above Reaſon.

I do not pretend to cure every One who may apply to me; that would be abſurd indeed: But this I am bold to aſſert, that I have been ſo fortunate to cure ſome ſcrophulated Breaſts deemed to be cancerous, and on the Point of being cut off. Likewiſe ſome Perſons given over by regular Practitioners, of which take the following

CASE XXXIII.

Mrs. *Brown*, Wife of Mr. *Brown*, at the *Cock*, in *Clare*, *Suffolk*, brought me the following Letter.

SIR,

MRS. BROWN, the Bearer hereof, hath for ſome Months laboured under a Diſeaſe in her Breaſt, which the Surgeons term a Schirrhus. Various Applications have been tried, and many Medicines taken, which have only ſerved to alleviate her Complaints, without laying a Foundation for healing. This Diſeaſe has ſo near an Affinity with the Evil, that I do not think but it may be really called ſuch. I wiſh you may be ſo fortunate as

to direct ſomewhat that may be ſervice-able; and am, Sir,

Your humble Servant,

Auguſt 23, 1761. RICHARD HAWES.
Surgeon, in *Cavendiſh*, *Suffolk*.

Mrs. *Brown* was a fat luſty Woman, aged Twenty-ſeven. About a Year before the above Date, a large Tumor roſe in her right Breaſt, and gathered in nine ſeveral Places opened, dreſſed, and tented by the Surgeon, and diſcharged much: but that being thought inſufficient to leſſen the Breaſt, two Setons were made quite through the Breaſt, which was very large, cloſe to the Ribs, in the Form of a Croſs, and as the Silk rotted away, through the Virulence of the Matter, in eight or ten Days, more Silk was put in, Four Surgeons met to take off the Breaſt; and told her, if it was not taken off, ſhe could not live to *Michaelmas* following; as her Breaſt would rot off in a Week or two, if not cut off. This was the State of the Breaſt when I undertook it. The 30th of *November* following, I ſaw Mrs. *Brown*; all the Ulcers were healed; and the Breaſt firm, and herſelf in good Health and Spirits, without any Complaint whatever. *February* 27, 1762, ſhe was with me again, and ſhewed me her right Breaſt, ſound and firm, but told me, that about three Weeks before, on taking cold, ſhe felt a daſhing Pain in her left Breaſt, which ſhe

ſhewed me; there was a ſmooth ſoft Tumour riſing on the upper Part, above the Nipple, which had increaſed faſt. I ordered her proper Remedies for this new Complaint. *April* the 4th, her Huſband came to tell me the Tumour was broke, and diſcharged in ſeveral Places round the Nipple. I ordered what was proper, and *September* the 6th following, her Huſband came again; told me her Breaſt had been quite well for two Months; was in good Health and Spirits; no Complaint at all; and that the Day before he came, ſhe was delivered of a fine Girl, both very well. I ſaw her ſome Days after, examined her right Breaſt which had loſt the Nipple, all continued firm and well; and alſo her left Breaſt; but ſhe had no Milk in it, and no Complaint whatever. Mrs. *Brown* had Twins in a Year after, and has had ſeveral other Children: both Breaſts continue well and firm, and the laſt lying-in ſhe had Milk came into her left Breaſt, which is very extraordinary. It is eaſy to obſerve from this Caſe, that taking off Mrs. *Brown*'s right Breaſt would have availed nothing; inaſmuch as the left Breaſt became diſordered in the ſame Manner: ſo that Amputations are of little Service, except the Conſtitution be amended; then there is ſeldom Occaſion for the Knife. I do not mention the Methods I uſed in Mrs. *Brown*'s Caſe, becauſe they are beyond common Management. Mrs. *Brown* has had twenty Children and

continues well to this Day. I inſert the two following Caſes to ſhew that no Age is exempt from this dreadful Diſorder.

CASE XXXIV.

Samuel Pain, Son of *Samuel Pain*, Weaver, in *Clare*, aforeſaid, was brought to me in the Month; he was born with a large Ulcer on the Back of his left Hand, and judged to be the King's Evil by Mr. *Young*, a Surgeon of that Place, who recommended him to my Care. This Infant was cured with a Root; ſome Vervain Water to cleanſe the Sore, and Vervain Ointment on a Rag to the Part. The Father ſent me a Letter of Thanks for making, as he expreſſes it, a ſafe Cure of his Child's Hand. It is evident from this Caſe, that very ſimple gentle Methods are often very efficacious, in the Infancy of this Diſeaſe.

CASE XXXV.

The next Caſe is of *George Hoggerall*, aged Eighty-eight. He was formerly an Under Gardener to Eſquire *Honywood*, in *Eſſex*. He was a remarkable freſh-coloured healthy-looking Man: and ſo healthful all his Life, as never to take one Doſe of Phyſic. In the 86th Year of his Age, the Sight of both Eyes left him at once; ſince which, he had ſeveral ſmall ſcrophulous Tumors broke

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on each Side his Neck, discharged much, and seemed to be well digested. His Wife came with him; they had been married fifty Years, and confirmed the Account of his Health. I gave him my Assistance, and ordered him to call on me when he could. Who could ever have thought that the King's Evil should lie so long dormant in the Constitution of so healthy a Person, without the least Symptoms, until the Age of Eighty-seven Years, and then appear in its genuine Form? From these two Instances it is very apparent, that no Age is exempt from its Inveteracy.

This will more fully appear by the following Account of two thousand scrophulous Patients, who have applied to me; classed according to their respective Ages and Sexes.

	Males.	Females.	In all
Under 5 Years old	77	89	166
From 5 Years to 10 Years —	108	117	225
From 10 Years to 20 Years —	212	309	521
From 20 Years to 30 Years —	166	285	451
From 30 Years to 40 Years —	96	200	296
From 40 Years to 50 Years —	60	143	203
From 50 Years to 60 Years —	37	63	100
From 60 Years to 70 Years —	17	13	30
From 70 Years to 80 Years —	2	5	7
From 80 Years and upwards —	1	0	1
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		2000	

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From this Account, the Females exceeded the Males more than three to two. Hence it may be concluded, thoſe Perſons are greatly miſtaken, who in their Writings have advanced, that Perſons above forty Years old are rarely, if ever, affected with the Scrophula, as alſo the too common Opinion of Children outgrowing the Diſorder. Both theſe Notions tend to make People neglect proper Care until the Diſeaſe has taken too faſt a Hold to be overcome.

CASE XXXVI.

John Truſs, Taylor, at No. 3, *Bunhill-Row*, *London*, aged Thirty-ſeven, had a violent, univerſal ſcorbutic Scrophula, with a Tumor under the left Jaw-bone, one near the right Ear, a Swelling under the left Armpit, with many Leproſy-like Eruptions, as large as Half-Crowns, in many Parts. I gave him a Vervain Root, and adviſed him to take ten Grains of Jalap, and ten Grains of Cream of Tartar, once a Week, for gentle Purgation, and the other ſix Days, a Dram of Crude Antimony, levigated, mixt with the ſame Quantity of powdered Loaf Sugar, and waſh it down with Ground-Ivy Tea; I ordered him to waſh all the Eruptions with Infuſion of Hemlock, and the Black Plaiſter under the Jaw-bone, Ear, and ſuch like Places. *October* 12, 1772, he ſent me a Letter of Thanks, that he was, by my

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Advice, and the Bleſſing of God, perfectly recovered from all the Diſorders he had when he called on me.

CASE XXXVII.

Eaſter Maxam, of *Foxearth*, *Eſſex*, aged Twenty-ſeven, four Months ſince, ſome ſcrophulous Ulcers within-ſide the right Hand, near the Roots of the two ſmaller Fingers, and ſeveral near the Joints on the Backs of the ſame Fingers; the Sinews in the Palm of the Hand, hard and contracted, the Corners of her Mouth ſcabby. She had a Vervain Root, took gentle Phyſic to keep her Body open. The Hand was poulticed with white Nettles, Mallows, Gooſe Fat, and fine Oatmeal, was quite well in two Months, and has no other ſcrophulous Complaint about her.

CASE XXXVIII.

Joſeph Trowls, of *Birch*, in *Eſſex*, Labourer, aged 24, ſix Months ſince, a Pain ſtruck into the left Foot and Ancle, were both greatly enlarged, and pitted much, with ſome undigeſting Ulcers, and ſome had thrown off ſmall Pieces of foul Bones, from both Foot and Heel. The Leg was to have been cut off. I ordered the Vervain Root to be worn. He purged gently once a Week with Tincture of Jalap, and bathed and ſteept

ſteept all the Foot and Ancle with a ſtrong Infuſion of Hemlock, then applyed ſtiff Elder Ointment, on Lint, to all the Sores, and dreſt all twice in the Day. In a Month he found Benefit, in a Year and an Half a perfect Cure, is now hearty and ſtrong for Labour, with his Leg on.

CASE XXXIX.

The Caſe of *Mary Sutton*, aged Twenty-eight, living with Mr. *Ranſon*, at *North Walſham*, in *Norfolk*; as ſent me by Mr. *Layman* an eminent Surgeon there, *Auguſt* 20, 1767, by *Mary Sutton* the Bearer, who when about Eight Years old, had an Abſceſs on the left Side, near the lower Ribs, which was healed with great Difficulty. Three or four Years after this, Swellings appeared on the right Side the Neck, and under the Jaw; ſome of which ſupurated, and as one healed, others broke out; ſo that there has been a conſtant Diſcharge from one, or other, of theſe Abſceſſes. Though there are no other evident Marks of a Scrophula, yet there is the greateſt Reaſon to believe this to be ſo; as by her own Account both Mother, and Grandmother, were afflicted with the ſame Diſeaſe, the former in a very ſevere Manner. She had now a Tumor under her Chin, wanted digeſting, ſeeming healthy otherwiſe. I gave her a Vervain Root, adviſed an Ounce of red Dock Roots ſliced thin, a Pint of Cheeſe

Cheese Whey poured boiling hot over it, cover up close, when cool, strain, and drink one Half fasting, the other at Night, daily, to keep the Body in good Order; a Piece of Gum Plaister, fresh once in three or four Days, to the Tumor under the Chin. She soon got well. Mr. *Ransom* called on me *May* the 4th, 1772, told me she had had no Complaint for Years, was married, and had a Child or two, and all in perfect Health and no Complaint whatever.

CASE XL.

A Gentlewoman in *London*, aged Fifty-four, had a violent scrophulous Disorder in both Eyes, much inflamed, run clear Water, so corrosive as to fret the Skin off the Cheeks, with terrible Smartings, and great Pain in her Forehead; kept in a dark Room, not being able to bear any Light; had been often disordered in the same Manner, but not so bad; had much Advice in London without any Benefit. Then was sent to *Brighthelmstone*, to *Bath*, and drank salt Water, she returned in a Month much worse, she had the Scrophula in her Family. I gave her a Vervain Root, and some Vervain Eye-water to drop a few Drops, often in the Day, into each Eye, and advised a gentle Purgative; but no Salts of any Kind. In three or four Months she got very well, and has been so many Years.

CASE XLI.

Elizabeth Turvey, of *Wortham*, *Suffolk*, aged Eight Years. Six Weeks after a Fever, many ſcrophulous Ulcers broke out, on, and about the left Foot. I gave her a Root, ordered ſtewed Prunes and Senna, for gentle Phyſic, and all the Ulcers to be covered with a thick Poultice of white Nettles, Pork Lard, and Oatmeal, freſh and warm, Morning and Night.

Wortham, July the 29th, 1772.

THESE are to inform you that my Daughter *Elizabeth Turvey* mended within ſix Hours after ſhe was with you, and ſhe is now perfectly cured, by what you was pleaſed to order for her. Am extremely obliged to you, for the Trouble you took to cure her.

From your Humble Servant,

ELIZABETH TURVEY.

To Mr. Morley Theſe.

CASE XLII.

James Scott, of *Deepdale*, *Suffolk*, aged Thirty-ſix, had a Tumor, and Ulcers, and Swellings on the left Side the Face, with a Difficulty of opening his Mouth, been encreaſing

creasing four Months, I found no other Complaint. I recommended the Vervain Root, Tincture of Jallap in Geneva, once a Week, and to apply a Poultice of Half Mallow Leaves, and Half Elder Leaves, Pork Lard, and a little Oatmeal, fresh and warm, all over that Side of his Face, and Jaws, Morning and Night. Six Weeks after he came to thank me, being quite well.

CASE XLIII.

John Everet, of *Weeting*, near *Brand*, in *Norfolk*, Lining Weaver, aged Twenty-eight. Two Years since, a Pain on the right Side the Small of the Back, and became a very large Swelling, opened by a Surgeon, and discharged much stringy thickish Matter for eight Months, the Ulcer was very foul, so came to me. I advised the Vervain Root, and Jalap Purges, once or twice a Week, and to cleanse the Wound with Hemlock Infusion, and strong Elder Ointment over all, to dress Morning and Night.

April the 5th, 1773.

SIR,

I Write to let you know, that I am got finely well of my Complaint, Thanks be to God, and you! It has been healed up about three Months. I followed your Directions

rections very ſtrictly. I conclude with returning you Thanks.

Your Humble Servant,

JOHN EVERET.

CASE XLIV.

Spooner Ruſſell, Son of *Robert Ruſſel*, of *Burnham Deepdale* in *Norfolk*, Butcher, aged Three Years and an Half, had a violent ſcorbutic Scrophula. His Head and Body all over Scabs, run much clear Water, ſeeming in good Health otherwiſe. The Surgeon ſaid, he would eat his Hat, if the Child was cured. In about three Months he was quite well, by the following Method; firſt, I recommended the Vervain Root, then to take a Quarter of a Pint of medicated Whey, daily, at three or four ſmall Cupfuls, viz. a Quarter of an Ounce of red Dock Roots, ſliced thin, about a dozen Leaves of Garden Sorrel, lightly bruiſed, and pour a large Quarter of a Pint of Cheeſe Whey, boiling, on them, cover up cloſe, when cool to be ſtrained, and drank warm, as above. The Quantity of Dock Roots to be encreaſed, or diminiſhed, as it operated, two Motions in twenty-four Hours are proper. I adviſed Sorrel, and Groundſel Leaves, equal Parts, to make an Ointment for his Head, and Vervain Ointment to the other Parts. *Note*, The

Inſide

Inside Leaf of a Gooſe tred up makes the beſt Ointment in theſe Caſes.

CASE XLV.

Abel Ren, of *Marden*, *Kent*, aged Twenty-eight, had the Evil about his Head, and Face, from his Birth, was ſeventeen Weeks in the London Infirmary, had fourteen ſmall Pieces of Bone diſcharged from his Mouth and Noſe, and ſeemed well for a little Time; but the Humour ſoon returning again, for ſeven Years paſt; he came to me 23d of *October*, 1772, with three Ulcers on his Forehead, and complained of his Head, much diſordered, Mouth and Noſe breaking out. I recommended a Vervain Root, a gentle Purge of Tincture of Jalap made with Geneva, taken once a Week, in Cheeſe Whey, or warm Ale, and to waſh all the Wounds with a ſtrong Infuſion of Hemlock, Morning and Night, and Elder Ointment over all; he was with me *May* the 24th, 1773, all well, but one Sore on his Forehead; on which he had received an unlucky Blow. *September* the 9th, 1773, a Gentleman from his Parts, ſays, he has been very well of that, and all other Complaints, for ſome Months.

CASE XLVI.

John Wilſon, of *Faverſham*, in *Kent*, Breeches Maker, aged Twenty eight, came to

to me for Advice *May* the 5th 1770. Two Years and an Half before, he had many ſcrophulous Tumors, and Ulcers, round the Neck, and under the Chin, ſome taken out by Cauſticks, by an Italian Mountebank on *Tower-hill*, at two Guineas per Week; then an eminent Surgeon ordered ſalt Water inward, and outward, to no Effect. He had now ſix running Ulcers, two or three very deep, about the Neck and Throat. I adviſed the Vervain Root, and gentle Jalap Purges, once a Week, the other ſix Days, an Ounce of common red Dock Roots, ſliced thin, twenty or thirty Leaves of Sorrel, bruiſed, put into a Pot, and a Pint of Cheeſe Whey, boiling hot, poured on them, covered up cloſe, and when cool, ſtrained, and drank at Four Times in the Day, with thirty or forty Millepedes, bruiſed, and drank, in the firſt, and laſt Doſes, Morning and Night. To cleanſe all the Sores, with the Hemlock Infuſion, then apply a Poultice, of Half White Nettles, and Half Elder Leaves, Pork Lard, and Oatmeal, freſh and warm Morning, and Night, over all, till well. *Auguſt* the 3d, 1770, he came to thank me, being quite well.

CASE XLVII.

James Rayner, of *Inſted*, *Suffolk*, aged Thirty-three, a Carpenter, four Years before I ſaw him, his right Hand, and Wriſt, were

greatly ſwelled, the Palm very hard, and all the Fingers ſtiff, and uſeleſs, two Years after, eighteen ſcrophulous Ulcers, not deep, broke out in thoſe Parts, and run a very thin watery Ichor, and ſometimes bloody, but no good Matter, Body rather coſtive. I gave him a Root, and ordered Jalap in Geneva, once a Week, in ſmall Ale or Cheeſe Whey. The other ſix Days, a Dram of Antimony, very finely levigated, in a little Honey, and Ground-ivy-Tea after it. To ſteep the Hand and Wriſt, a Quarter of an Hour, in a ſtrong Hemlock Infuſion, Morning and Night. Then to anoint all over with Vervain Ointment, and cover all with a Poultice of Half green Elder Bark, and Half white Nettles, maſhed and warm, got very well in about four Months.

CASE XLVIII.

Mary Tills, of *Stoke*, by *Nayland*, *Suffolk*, ſingle Woman, aged Twenty-eight, had a large foul Ulcer, juſt above the Ancle of the right Leg, the Breadth of a Crown Piece, and very deep, with ſeveral ſmall Knots about it, had been ailing nine Years. Had a large Vervain Root, took Jalap in Geneva, once a Week, put ſcraped Carrot very fine, dry, and warm, into the Sore, and applied a Poultice of Half Groundſel, Half Mallows, Pork Lard, and fine Oatmeal, freſh and warm, Morning and Night. In a Week

she found much Ease, and the Knots about the Ulcer grew softer, and in four Months a perfect Cure.

CASE XLIX.

A violent Scurvy, a Gentlewoman, aged Fifty-five, a Humour all over her, particularly Spring and Fall, with a bad Scurf like Scabs, from Head to Foot, and itched much, been so above Thirty Years, when she changed her Linen, it would almost stand alone. Recommended Mrs. *Bulmer*'s Diet Drink, Morning and Night, and a Wine Glass of Millepedes Wine, at Eleven and Four o'Clock. Hemlock Infusion, with Mutton Suet dissolved in it, to wash the scabby Places, and a few Drops of Vinegar to help the Itching, Elder Ointment were necessary. Sorrel and Raisons for Drought, and a Vervain Root to the Stomach, when the Scabs were off. Very well.

CASE L.

Mary Newman, aged Six Months, almost as soon as born, an inveterate scorbutic Humour appeared all over the Head, and Body, with innumerable scabby Eruptions, and a most deplorable Object. I ordered her Dock Roots, and Sorrel Whey, a proper Quantity to give two or three Motions in the Day, and an Ointment made with equal Parts of the

ſame, and Gooſe Fat to anoint all the Scabs, and as they fell off, to waſh with Lime Water, a Pound to a Gallon; and then the Ointment again, as often as any Scabs ſhould appear. The Child was brought to me in a few Weeks, quite clear, briſk, and well. I gave no Vervain Root, as I thought the Caſe an inveterate Scurvy, without the Scrophula.

CASE LI.

Sarah Rawling, aged Thirty-two, about eight Months ſince, a Pain ſtruck at once, into the left Knee, an Inflammation up the Thigh, was opened by a Surgeon, and diſcharged only a bloody Sanies. She had a Seton on the Knee, and many deep Sinuſſes, the Thigh very hollow, ſhe had a Swelling near the ſmall of the ſame Leg, which broke of itſelf, and diſcharged bad coloured, and bloody Matter, her Menſes not regular. I recommended a Root, Tincture of Jalap in Geneva, twice Week, and to take out all the Tents, and ſyringe the Wounds full, with Infuſion of Hemlock; and a Piece of Gentian Root, to keep the Orifices of the Wounds open, then Elder Ointment over all, the Egg Liquor under the Ham——to all the Shrunk Sinews; Dreſs all twice a Day. Her Father, *Jonathan Rawling* of *Lidgate* in *Suffolk*, Wheelwright, wrote as follows,

Mr.

Mr. MORLEY,

MY Duty to you, and to let you know, that with your Advice, and the Bleſſing of Almighty God, my Daughter, *Sarah Rawlin*, who had eight Wounds in her Leg, Thigh, and Knee, has been ſound, and well this four Months. Bleſs God and you for it, ſhe was Bed-rid a Quarter of a Year, the Doctor ſaid he could do no more for her. She got on Stilts, and ſoon gathered Strength in her Leg, and Knee, is now well, and gone to Service.

CASE LII.

Is the remarkable Caſe of *William Cramphorn*, Son of *George Cramphorn*, of *Dunmow*, in *Eſſex*, aged Eighteen, recommended by Mr. *Rayner*, Surgeon and Apothecary there. Had a very bad ſcorbutic Scrophula, on both Hands, his Face, and Back, went off with a thick Scurf, itched much, and very hot, and a foul Ulcer within-ſide the right Ancle, and a poor State of Health. I gave him the Vervain Root, and bid him pour a Pint of Cheeſe Whey, boiling, on one Ounce of Water Dock Root, ſliced thin, and a few Leaves of Scurvy Graſs; cover up cloſe, when cool, ſtrain, and drink that Quantity daily. To dreſs the Ulcer with Hemlock Leaves, maſhed with Flower of Brimſtone, twice a Day. To make an Oint-

ment of Elder, and Hemlock Leaves, equal Parts, with Hogs Lard; and use often to the Eruptions, and sometimes a little Tincture of Jalap. I saw him in a Month, much better. Some Months after, I received a Letter from Mr. *Tindall* of *Dunmow*, that the Man had not a Sore about him, but by his long Confinement, was so exceeding weak, and low, as not able to set up but a few Hours in the Day; his Distemper seeming to be now entirely in his Body, which is extremely hard, and full of Knots, nothing has passed through him for ten Days past, the Jalap you ordered, does not move him; he fetches his Breath with Difficulty, his Water nothing but Corruption, has entirely lost his Appetite, can keep few Things on his Stomach. As his Case is different from what it was, when he waited on you, it may require a different Treatment.—Thus far the Letter. I then ordered Half an Ounce of pure fine Quicksilver, every Morning till it passed, and then to leave it off, and to drink Mallow Tea, with a few fresh green Elder Leaves, enough to purge gently, two or three Times in the Day, and to eat good Mutton, and Beef Broth, with a few Sorrel and white Nettle Leaves, a little Oatmeal boiled in it, for constant Food; this was *March* the 19th, 1770. I saw him *September* the 4th following, his Sores all held well, Stomach tolerable, but complained of a Hardness in the Region of the Spleen, though I could perceive none, his Water

Water now a Brick-duſt Sediment, which was moſtly Corruption before, his Legs ſometimes broke out, with many ſmall pimply Eruptions, and diſcharged a little bloody Sanes, kept breaking, and healing, alternately, for ſome Time; I adviſed him to bathe them in ſtrong Cabbage Broth, gentle Jalap Purges once a Week, and a Cataplaſm of Groundſel, maſhed, and quilted in Linen, to the Spleen, and renewed once in four or five Days, juſt warm. *June* 27, 1771, I ſaw him, he had no Sores, or any Complaint whatever, but rather weak, from his long Illneſs; ſince which he is grown perfectly ſtrong and hearty. This Caſe evidently ſhews the Propriety of my ſeeing Patients, more than once, or twice, in difficult and obſtinate Complaints; particularly as Symptoms vary, or the Diſeaſe takes a different Turn, by a Tranſlation of the morbid Matter to other Parts.

CASE LIII.

A Man, aged Thirty-five, had, *Auguſt* 1771, two ſcrophulous Ulcers on the Outſide of the Right Thigh a Foot diſtance, and in each a leaden Tube, to carry off a conſtant Diſcharge, and two more Abſceſſes, broke afterwards, and all communicated with each other. Had been under four of the principal Surgeons, of the greateſt Characters in London, which I forbear to name, not willing

willing to give Offence to any One. His Thigh had been layed open abov twelve Inches in Length, the principle Surg on ſaid he was a bold Man that did it. Theſe attempted a Cure without Succeſs. I recommended a large Vervain Root, twenty Grains of Crude Antimony finely levigated twice a Day, to be waſhed down with Sarſaperilla Tea. To waſh and ſyringe the Wounds with ſtrong Hemlock Infuſion, and lay aſide the Tubes, to anoint the contracted Sinews with Egg Liquor Morning, and evening, and a Plaiſter of Elder Ointment over all. *January* 1772, he wrote me, he was much better, could walk a Mile or two without a Stick, which he had not done for two Years before. In *April* 1773, he wrote me, he was very finely, and the Wounds quite healed. *James Hodge*, Shoemaker, in *St. Peter's Mancroft*, *Norwich*, can teſtify the Truth of this Cure.

CASE LIV.

George Lingwood, Son of *George Lingwood*, of *Hacheſton*, in *Suffolk*, Farmer, aged Twenty-four, had a ſcrophulous Sore on the Outſide the left Thigh, diſcharged clear Waſer, from many ſmall Places like Pin-holes, and ſeemed hollow, had been opened four Times by a Surgeon, healed, and held well a Year, then broke out again, and very lame, was nine Weeks in St *George*'s Hoſpital, without

out any Benefit, was with me. I gave him a Vervain Root, ordered Tincture of Jalap, for gentle Purgation, to inject the Wounds with Hemlock Infusion, and to apply a Poultice of equal Parts of Hemlock Leaves, and young Elder Bark, a little Pork Lard, and fine Oatmeal, fresh and warm, and to dress all Morning and Night. Three Months after, I had a Letter of Thanks, for his being got quite well of his Lameness, and no Complaint. This I term an Honeycomb-Scrophula.

CASE LV.

Thomas Bays, at Mr. *More's*, *St. John's Lane*, *Cambridge*, aged Nineteen, a scrophulous Disorder above and below the right Knee, a large Piece of the Skin taken off by the Surgeons within-side of the Knee, which is now healed up. The Probe was passed almost through the Joint; now, *July* 15, 1771, a Gathering below the Inside of the Knee and a great Lameness and many scrophulous Breakings-out about him. I recommended a Vervain Root, and Mrs. *Bulmer's* Diet Drink, and to poultice the Knee with Half Mallow Leaves, and Half Groundsel; and the Inside of a Fig where it pointed to break. This soon broke, and digested the Sore; then it was healed up with Elder Ointment, made with Goose Fat. The Surgeons talked of Amputation. *December* following, his

Letter

Letter ſays, he was four Months before he got right well of his Lameneſs, and now, can walk, and run, as well as ever.

CASE LVI.

Ann Clark, of *Great Wigborough*, *Eſſex*, aged Twenty, two Months ſince, a Pain ſtruck into the right Hand, and Wriſt, the Back, and Palm of the Hand, much ſwelled and very hard, as alſo the Wriſt; was opened in five Places by a Surgeon, who propoſed taking off the Arm, the Leg and Ancle were in much the ſame Situation, with ſome ſmall Ulcers, *July* 15, 1771, ſhe came to me. I adviſed the Vervain Root, ſome gentle Purges with Tincture of Jalap, and to ſteep the Diſeaſed Parts, in ſtrong Cabbage Broth, Half an Hour Morning and Night, very warm. Then to cover all the Wounds, with White Nettles, mathed well with Pork Lard, and warmed. The 20th of *September* following, ſhe came to me much mended. I ordered her then, to anoint the Wriſt and Thumb with Oil of Sheep's Trotters, and bathe well in by the Fire, and to waſh the drying ſcabby Sores, with Hemlock Infuſion. *November* 25, 1771, a Neighbour told me, the Hand and Wriſt were quite well, and Leg and Ancle juſt well alſo.

CASE LVII.

William Seller, of *Friday Thorp*, near *Malton*, in *Yorkſhire*, aged about Forty, a Shepherd by Buſineſs, his Brother, Mr. *Robert Sharp*, came with him to me, in *June*, 1771. His left Elbow Joint, had many large Ulcers about it, and the Bones ſeemingly greatly enlarged, the lower Arm and Hand much ſwelled, the Elbow Joint ſtiff, and immoveable, carryed in a Sling and uſeleſs, bad Stomach, and little Reſt. I adviſed a Vervain Root, and Jalap, &c. all the Wounds to be dreſſed with the Juice of Bruiſed Hemlock Leaves, and covered over with Cabbage Leaves, Morning and Night. The Ulcers ſoon diſcharged amazingly, the Swelling of the Hand and Arm ſoon abated, in a few Weeks he could ſtir his Fingers; he took daily one Dram of Antimony finely levigated, in Syrup of Elder, many Weeks (except he purged with the Jalap.) I ſaw him once a Week, till *October* following, then he went home greatly mended. I adviſed him to continue the Hemlock Juice, and Cabbage Leaves, and Antimony, and add a Poultice of Half Mallow Leaves, and Half freſh green Elder Bark, maſhed with a little Pork Lard, to a ſmall Tumor, in the Bend of the Elbow, when no Herbs in Winter, then to cover the Wounds with the Black Plaiſter. *November* the 8th, 1772, he

he returned me many Thanks by Letter, and ſays his Wounds are almoſt healed, only a little Stiffneſs in the Elbow Joint, his Appetite reſtored, and ſlept o' Nights as well as uſual. *June* 13, 1773, *Robert Sharp*, his Brother, wrote, he was ſurpriſed to ſee his Arm ſo well recovered, and only one very ſmall Ulcer, and at this Time, almoſt as able to do his Buſineſs as formerly. 'Sir, 'the Surgeons in our Country, whoever ſaw 'it, were all in one Mind, that there was 'no Cure without Amputation, &c.

ROBERT SHARP.

CASE LVIII.

May, 1771, I was ſent for to give my Advice to *Margaret Banyard*, Wife of *John Banyard*, Shoemaker, of *Wickham Market*, in *Suffolk*, aged Fifty-one. She had then, a very bad ulcerated Cancer, in the Middle of her right Breaſt, almoſt deep enough to contain an Hen's Egg, and ſome ſcrophulous Complaints in other Parts; ſhe at firſt found ſome Relief from my Directions, afterwards relapſed, and died in *Auguſt*, 1773. When I firſt ſaw her, and examined her State of Health, ſhe told me, as follows, viz. Her maiden Name was *Cutting*. At four Years old, ſhe had a Swelling under her Tongue, on the Salivall Glands, which the Surgeon, that attended her, pronounced cancerous;

he

he ordered the Tumor to be ſyringed, every three Hours, to deſtroy the Cancer (as he called it) with a Liquid ſo corroſive, that the Slaver from her Mouth eat Holes in her Linen where it fell; till at length the Strings of her Tongue were eaten in ſunder, and the Tongue ſeparated from its Roots, and was ſpit out, in two Pieces, and left not the leaſt viſible Remainder, but a great Hollowneſs whence it came. Her Mother ſtanding by her, at the Time, cryed out, 'Now my poor 'Child can never ſpeak more.' The Child immediately replied, 'Yes, Mamma, I can 'ſpeak,' has had the Uſe of Speech ever ſince, ſo well, few People would remark it. I obſerved ſhe rather liſped a little, at pronouncing ſome Letters, wanting the Tongue to apply to the Roof of her Mouth, to help her Pronunciation. When ſhe was a young Woman, ſhe was critically examined, by the Royal Society in *London*, and ſung them two Songs, to their great Wonder. She told me, ſhe miſſed her Tongue moſt, in ſwallowing her Victuals, for after chewing her Food, ſhe was forced to thruſt it to her Swallow, with her Finger, for two, or three Years; but, afterwards, that Difficulty removed, by her Youth, and Cuſtom. I ſhould not have mentioned this, but there are ſo many living Witneſſes, in the whole Town of *Wickham Market*, and its Neighbourhood, that can atteſt the Truth. This ſhews the Tongue is not abſolutely neceſſary, for

Speech

Speech, but the Lips are the great Inſtruments of Pronunciation.

CASE LIX.

A Lady, aged Thirty, a Lump on the right Breaſt, juſt above the Nipple (by a Blow) 'twas ſmooth moveable, and ſoft, and ſome daſhing Pains; was ordered Millepedes, which leſſened the Lump ſomething. I adviſed the Continuance of the Millepedes, a Pint to a Quart of Liſbon Wine, drink a Glaſs of the Turbid Liquor, at Eleven, and Four; and to take one Scruple of Æthiops Mineral, in Conſerve of Roſes, Morning and Night, and to wear a Cloth, boiled in many Folds, in Hemlock Decoction, dryed, and ironed ſmooth, and renewed once in two or three days, without waſhing. Got better, and left off for a Month, and Pain returned, and was let Blood, which greatly abated the Pain, then uſed the ſame Things again, only, inſtead of the Cloth, ſhe applied green Hemlock Leaves bruiſed, and quilted in Linen, warm. Has been well ſome Years.

CASE LX.

Mrs. *Mary Holmes*, of *Monks Ely*, *Suffolk*, aged Forty-two, about four Years ſince, a ſmall Knot roſe on the left Breaſt, which ſupurated, and healed of its ſelf. Now, *July* the 23d, 1770, ſince Chriſtmas laſt,

a Hardneſs gathering on great Part of the ſame Breaſt, and a Riſing below the Nipple, was poulticed, and opened by a Surgeon, but not healed, then I was conſulted. I adviſed a Vervain Root, to purge gently with Roſe Leaves, boiled in Cheeſe Whey, once a Week, the other ſix Days, to take twenty Millepedes bruiſed in Whey, Morning faſting, and laſt at Night, to apply a Poultice all over the Breaſt, of one Third Mallow Leaves, one Third Elder Leaves, or Back, and one Third the Inſide of Figs, boiled tender, in thin Milk, and maſhed well together, to be applyed warm Morning and Night, firſt ſyringing the Wounds, and waſhing all the Breaſt, with a pretty ſtrong Infuſion of Hemlock. *September* the 10th was much mended, the Knots waſting, and no Pain. *December* 1770, came to me, the Knots all diſſolved, and looked only a little reddiſh, ſo a Poultice of mellow Apples reſtored it to its natural Colour and Soundneſs.

CASE LXI.

Ruth Richardſon, Wife of *Thomas Richardſon*, of *Withersfield*, aged Thirty-three, had a Scrophulous Tumor on the right Breaſt, juſt above the Nipple, broke, and run a thin Sanies, for a Fortnight, with ſome Hardneſſes round the Orifice, had formerly a Sore, on her Back, and Hip, and a ſore Throat, but they are all well ſometime ſince, has only

now,

now, the Complaint in her Breaſt, I adviſed Sorrel, and Dock-Roots, in Cheeſe Whey, to take Half a Pint three Times in the Day, once in the Morning faſting, once at Eleven, and once at Four o'Clock, daily, and to poultice the Breaſt with Half Mallow Leaves, and Half Groundſel, and a little Pork Lard, freſh and warm, Morning and Night. She came a Month after, to thank me, had been well a Fortnight. I had given her no Root. I now gave her one, by Way of Prevention. About a Year after, ſhe brought another Perſon for my Advice, and to ſhew me how well ſhe continued.

CASE LXII.

The following Caſe, and Cure, was ſent me, by a humane charitable Lady, out of *Berkſhire*. About four Years ago, a Lad about Eighteen, had a Swelling on the Back of his Hand, was thought a Child-blain, broke into ſmall Wounds, grew ſo bad, he was ſent to *Windheſter* Hoſpital; was there near ſix Months, his Hand was laid open very deep, near a Year before it healed. It dryed up by Degrees; and immediately his Leg, and Foot, began to ſwell, and broke into large Wounds, and diſcharged a great Quantity of watery Matter, for ſeveral Months; was at laſt healed, by the ſame Medicines, given him in the Hoſpital, for his Hand. The Gentlemen there diſagreed in their Opinion,

ſome declared it the Evil, others not, but it has ſince proved ſo paſt a doubt. He continued well for ſome Months. About *Chriſtmas*, 1772, a violent Swelling fell into his Elbow, and all round that Part of his Arm, particularly in the Joint, which put him to exceſſive Pain, for two Months, then broke and diſcharged, in the ſame Manner his Leg and Foot had done before. He was adviſed to dreſs it with brown Cerate, and dry Lint, and to take ſome opening Pills, which kept it rather eaſier, but he had very little eſſential Benefit. But very happily, about two Months ago, we were adviſed to let him try your very excellent Remedies, publiſhed in your Treatiſe; which (thank God!) has been of vaſt Service. Four large Wounds, two under the Arm, and the other in the Joint, are almoſt healed. Not meeting a Caſe exactly ſimilar, I ventured to collect ſomething from different Caſes, and uſed the following: Firſt I put a large Vervain Root about his Neck, his Arm fomented, with Flannel, in a ſtrong Infuſion of Hemlock, Morning and Night; then Vervain Ointment to the Wounds, dry Lint, and a fine Rag, ſpread with the Ointment, over all, to prevent ſticking. He took ten Grains of Jalap, and ten Grains of Cream of Tartar, once a Week: The other ſix Days, a Dram of Antimony finely powdered, and waſhed down with Ground-ivy Tea. A ſubſequent Letter ſays, 'All the Wounds 'are healed, and the Arm every Day gains

'Strength, and the Lad in perfect Health 'of Body.' The Lad was taken into the Family, to be under the Lady's own Inſpection.——A rare Example of Humanity indeed!

I have had Application by letter from many Perſons, deſiring me to ſend my Medicines and Directions, and my Charges for them, for which I ſhould be punctually paid.

But all this is needleſs, as I make up no Medicines, nor will my almoſt worn out Eyes ſuffice to give any Directions in Writing. Neither can any Letter, I think, thoroughly convey a clear Deſcription of the almoſt numberleſs Symptoms and Affections of the Scrophula; for which Reaſons, I give no Directions, to any Body whatever, unleſs, they conſult me in Perſon; and therefore have added many more Caſes, to this Edition to make it as uſeful as poſſible, to ſuch People as cannot come to me, by Diſtance, Inability of Travelling, or other Avocations. Neither will my Age, and Infirmities, permit me to viſit Patients, as I uſed to do. Any One, deſirous of conſulting me, living at a Diſtance, will act prudently, to ſend me their Caſe in Writing, a few Days beforehand, that I may the better conſider it, againſt I ſee them.

I have had many who have been ſalivated, and taken mercurial Preparations to very little Purpoſe; on the contrary hurtful. I have found ſalt Water taken inwardly to have had

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bad Effects, as already hinted. Outwardly it often dries up the Sores for a Time, which generally break out again near the ſame Places, and will continue to do ſo, unleſs the Habit of Body is altered. I very rarely order Bleeding, and never direct Vomits, which I think of no Uſe. Iſſues or Setons I do not approve, and generally dry them up, as they are apt to draw the Humours into them, inflame and are troubleſome without any Aſſiſtance towards the Cure, as I could ever obſerve. I repeat that I do not order Salts of any Kind for Purgation; but always the moſt mild and gentle Things for that End. Hemlock I have uſed outwardly numberleſs Times, with great Succeſs. I adminiſter little inwardly: If any Tumors, &c. are near the Head, it muſt then be uſed with Caution, as in Caſe IV. I never uſe Knife or Cauſtic to open an Abſceſs, ſometimes the Point of a Lancet, and that but ſeldom: For I find proper Poultices much more eligible on many Accounts. I adviſe thoſe who are coſtive under this Diſorder (which is a very frequent Complaint) to keep the Body always open with very mild and gentle Purgatives; a little at a Time and often, is more beneficial than ſtrong Purges. Jalap I have found, by long Experience, prepared as follows, to be the beſt family Purge for ſcrophulous Diſorders. Take one Ounce of Jalap in fine Powder, ſteep it in Half a Pint of Geneva, in a Pint Bottle, cloſe ſtopped, ſhake

it well two or three Times a Day for a Week gently pour off the clear, or filter it through whitiſh grey Paper; fling away the Dregs, and keep it cloſe ſtopped for Uſe. A Man may take a Table Spoonful of this Tincture in a Quarter of a Pint of warm ſmall Ale, Cheeſe-whey, or a Diſh of Tea with Sugar: A Woman, one, two, or three Tea Spoonfuls: A young Child, a few Drops, in its Victuals; always proportioning the Doſe to the Age, Sex, and Strength of the Patient. Two Motions, or three at moſt, in twenty-four Hours are proper. It may be taken once or twice a Week at Diſcretion, as long as wanted. A Month in the Spring or Fall, will be very ſalutary, for all People ſubject to this Diſorder; though no Complaints, only as a Preventative. When I order Antimony to be taken inwardly, I always direct it to be finely levigated, or powdered in an Iron Mortar, as fine as poſſible, and then ſifted through fine Lawn or Muſlin, ſo that few or no ſhining Particles appear; then it is a fine and ſafe Medicine. Never to wear any covering over the Eyes, but to waſh them often with cold Spring Water, which will ſtrengthen them and repel the Humour, which the Purgatives will carry off. It is gentle eaſy Methods, not rough Preſcriptions and painful Applications, that are moſt efficacious in this obſtinate Diſorder. Perſons, though ever ſo poor and diſtreſſed, are welcome to conſult me for Adviſe, in Perſon, if they find, or even ſuſpect themſelves

themſelves to be tainted with this Diſorder, on any Morning, from Ten to Twelve, and in the Afternoon from Three to Five of the Clock (Sundays excepted) if I am well.

Many many Guineas have been offered me; but I never take any Money. Sometimes indeed genteel People have ſent me ſmall Acknowledgements of Tea, Wine, Veniſon, &c. Generous ones, ſmall Pieces of Plate or other little Preſents. Even neighbouring Farmers a Gooſe, or Turkey, &c. by Way of Thanks.

This I am obliged to ſay, as Perſons wiſhing to conſult me may be afraid, leaſt, as I am not regularly feed, I ſhould come with the After-Clap of a long Bill.

It cannot be expected, that I, who receive no Fee, ſhould be at any Expence: Therefore Letters to me muſt be free of Poſtage, or they muſt be returned.

The Pleaſure I take in relieving the Afflicted, affords me the higheſt Content and Satisfaction. I will hope no One bears me any Evil; if there ſhould be ſuch, I always have in Mind St. *Paul*'s Precept, *Not to be overcome of Evil, but to overcome Evil with Good.*

May all my Patients who receive any Benefit from my Eſſay, or my Directions in Perſon, ſay with the Royal Pſalmiſt—*Bleſs the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits: Who forgiveth all thine Iniquities: Who healeth all thy* DISEASES!

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It poſſibly may be of Uſe to ſome to turn to ſeveral of my Preſcriptions without great Trouble. I therefore here ſet down where many are, at one View, to be found.

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